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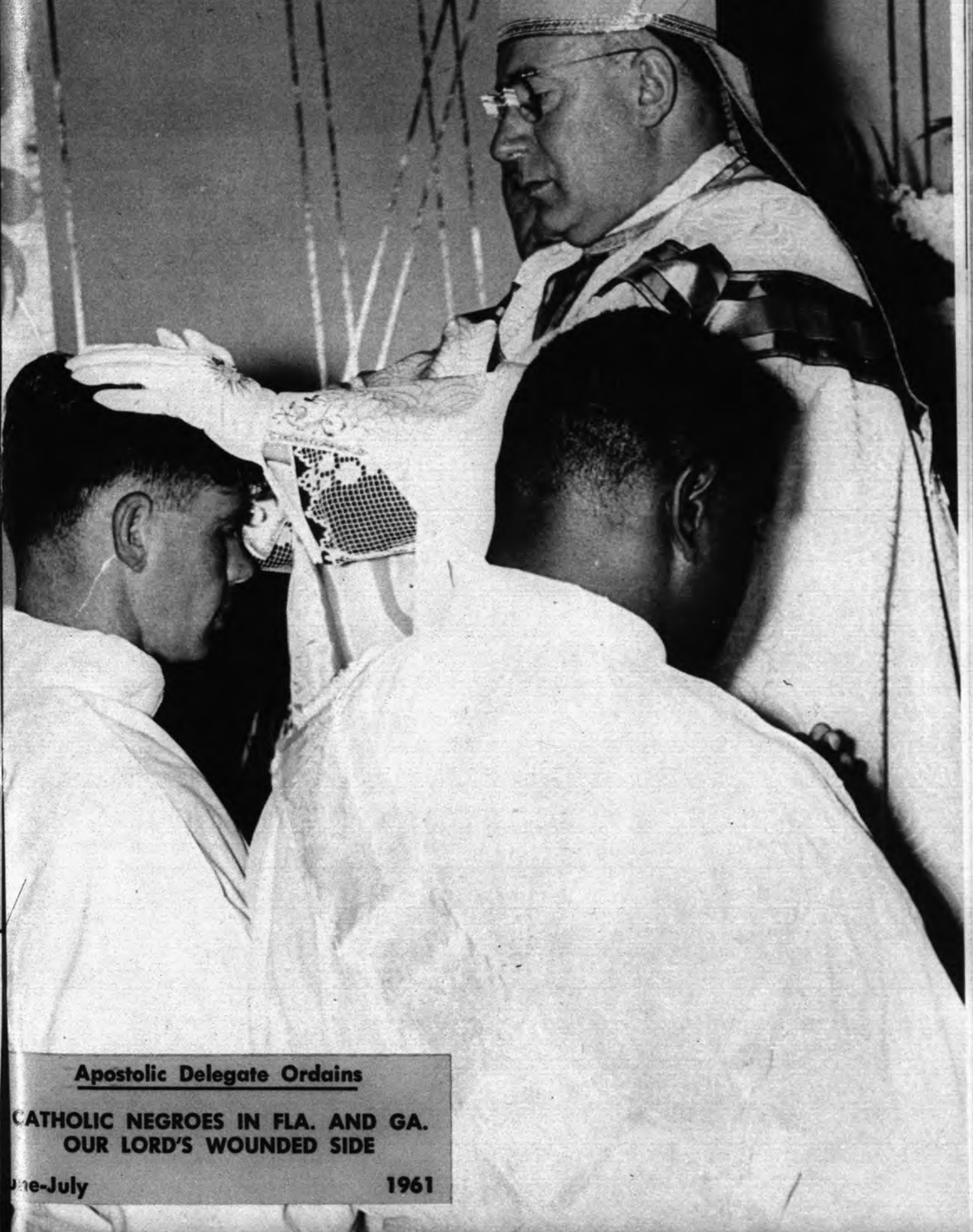
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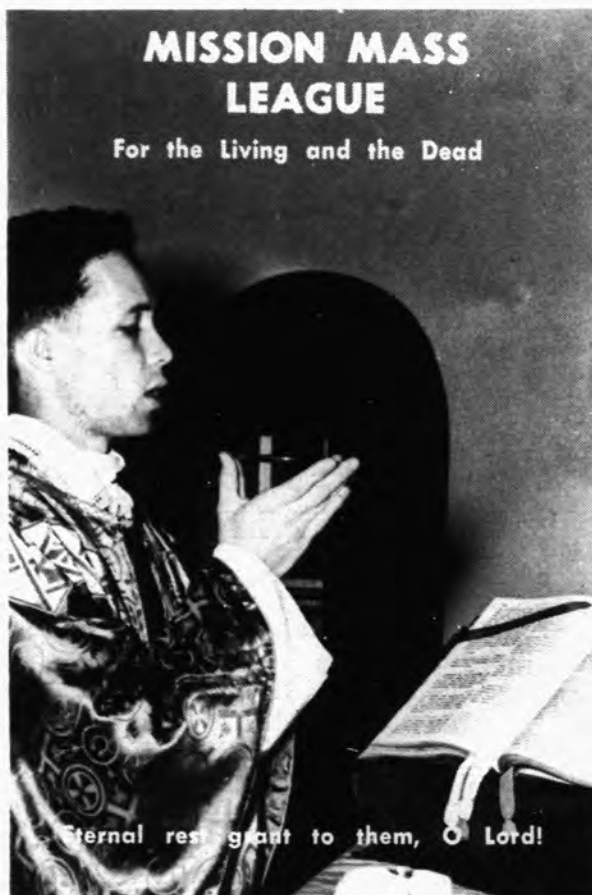
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sufficiently attended in a state where priests are scarce and where religious priests are especially scarce. In all of Florida less than 100 religious priests are at work in all kinds of undertakings. Only 11 religious priests work with the Negroes. They represent but three religious orders. This is a striking difference from the work in other states where many religious orders have been invited to add their men and means to the diocesan clergy to bring Catholicism to the Negro.

Convert work is steady in Florida even if not spectacular in numerical results. Last year 134 Negroes were converted in the state. Some of those converts, undoubtedly, were lost to Florida by the exodus of Negroes from the South, but the percentage of displacement among Florida's Catholic Negroes is surely less than that in other southern states since Florida's exodus is much more restrained than that from other states. Actually, from 1950 to 1960, Florida's Negro population rose by 277,085.

The eventual stirring of Catholic work among Florida's Negroes is perhaps evidenced by the recent attention being given to the need for growth and repair and replacement of buildings at the Negro missions there. At Miami, in the newly opened Richmond Heights area of South Miami, where the city's middle class Negroes are settling, the Josephite Fathers planned a new chapel. A public school has served as a place for Mass there. In the older Negro section of Miami, within reach of Holy Redeemer and St. Augustine Missions, there are about 25,000 Negroes. Among them there are some 546 Catholics; an average of one Catholic in every 45 Negroes (about 2.2% of the total), for a notable ratio increase at one part of Miami over the state's general ratio of but one Catholic in every 160 Negroes. Two parochial schools in Miami serve 419 Negro children. Only 205 of them are Catholics. St. Mary of the

Mission Church in Miami has 325 Catholics and its school has 144 pupils. These latter Negroes are in the very disadvantaged financial class. Jacksonville shows a healthy sign of future growth. The bishop of the St. Augustine Diocese is carefully shepherding limited funds to replace the entire mission plant at Jacksonville which is to abandon its present location and decrepid buildings in the old, noisy, and congested Negro section. A large tract has been acquired in a rapidly developing section some distance away, but within reach of the Negro community. Like the old buildings at Jacksonville's mission the buildings at other Negro missions in Florida are feeling the strain of their years and are



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As seems to be true elsewhere, the Negroes in Florida may perhaps become more interested in the Catholic Church if they were given more chances to contact the Church and see her true Catholic character. How the Church in Florida will contact more Negroes while affording them chance to worship in appealing surroundings remains to be seen. Perhaps the answer most desirable would be integration into existing Church facilities and more service from existing Church personnel.

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Georgia has a population of 1,122,596 Negroes. It now ranks third (be-

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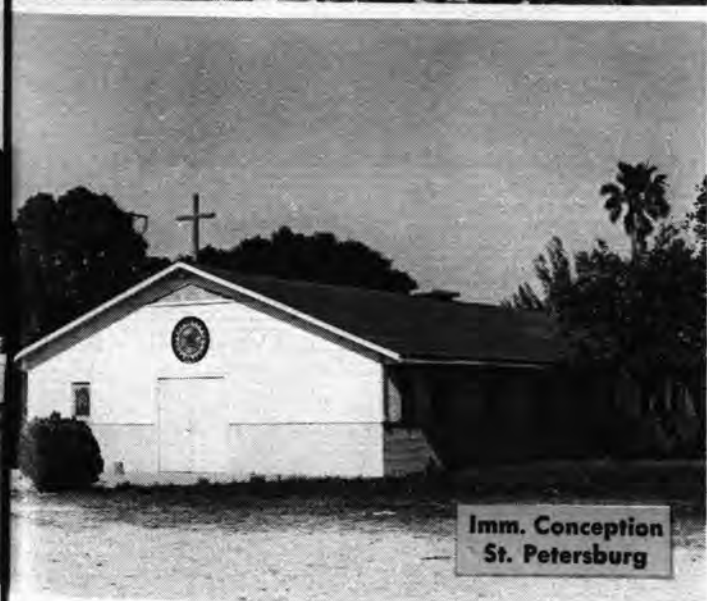
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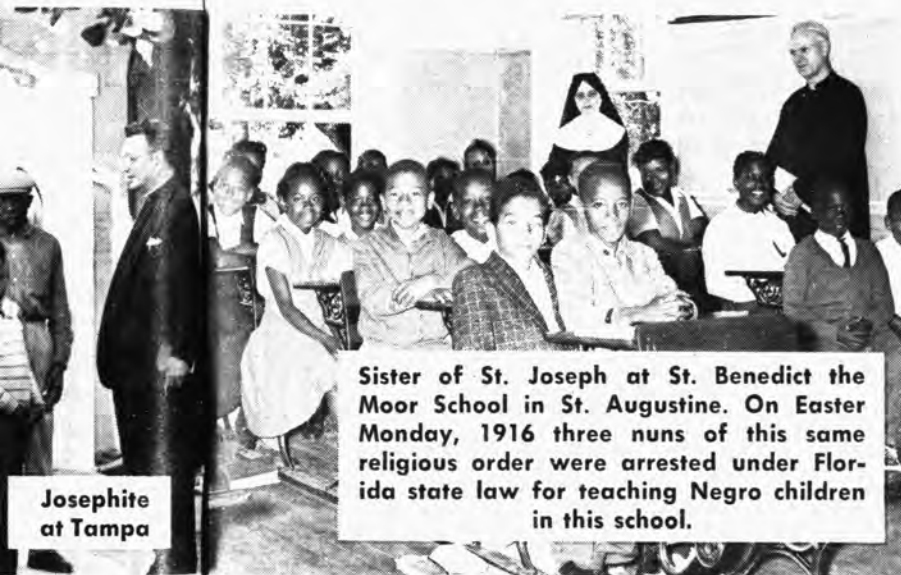
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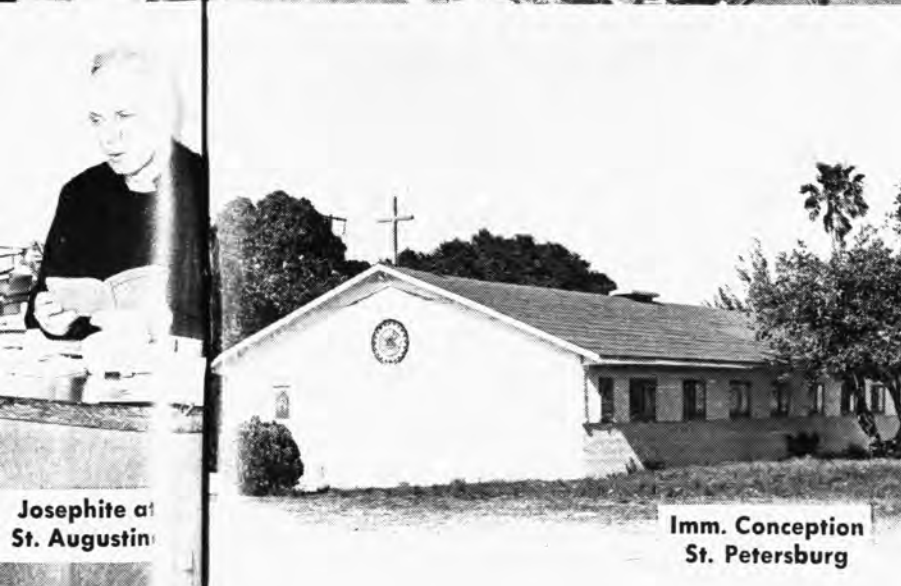
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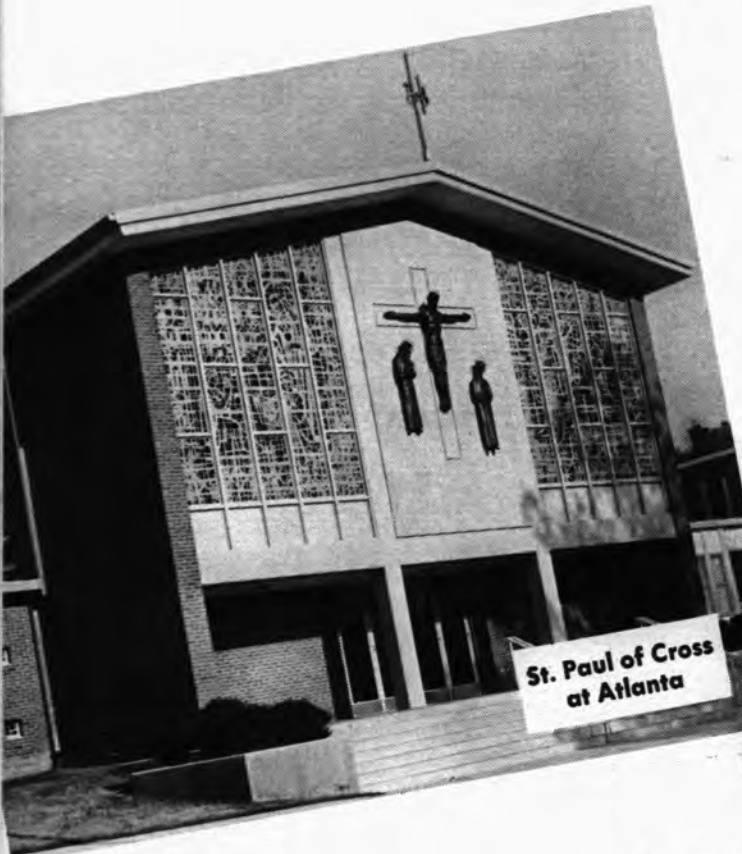


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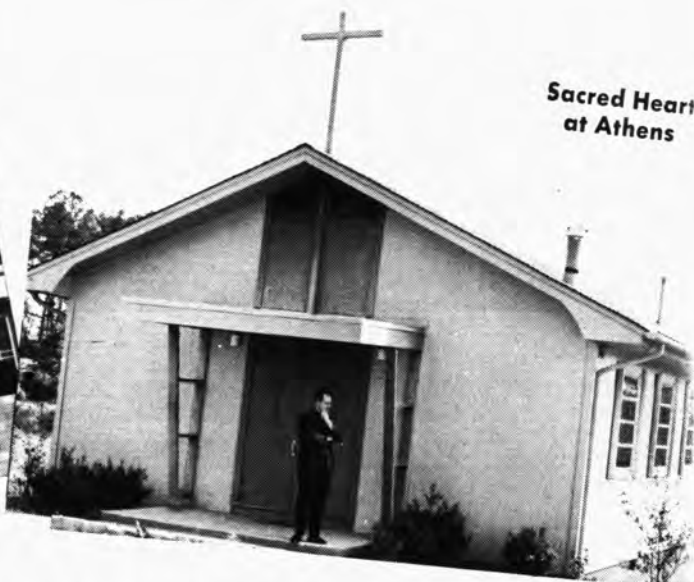
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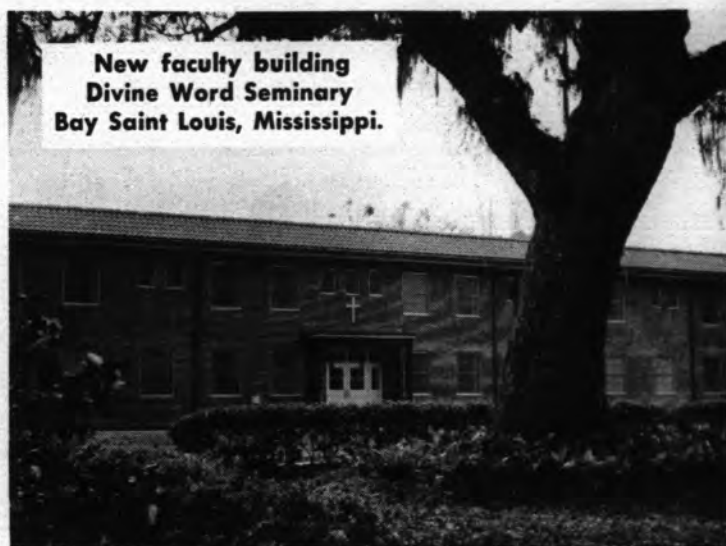
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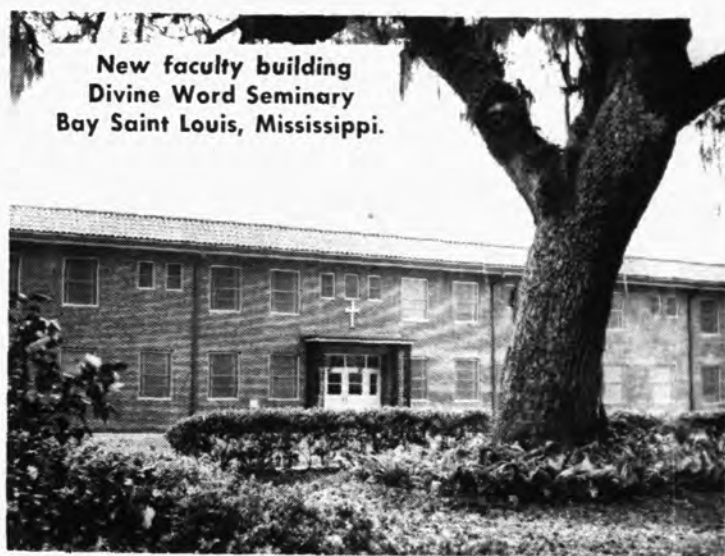
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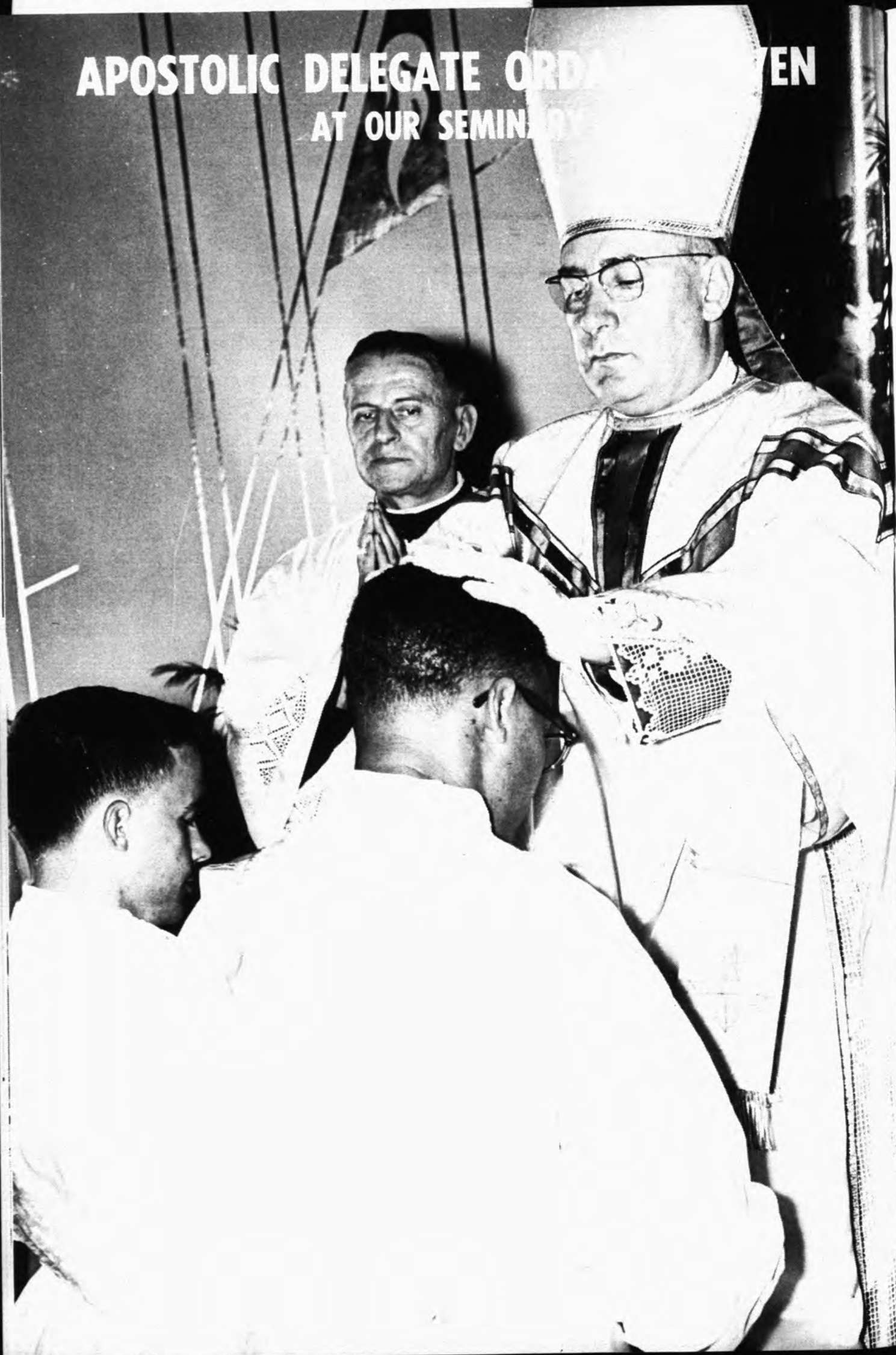
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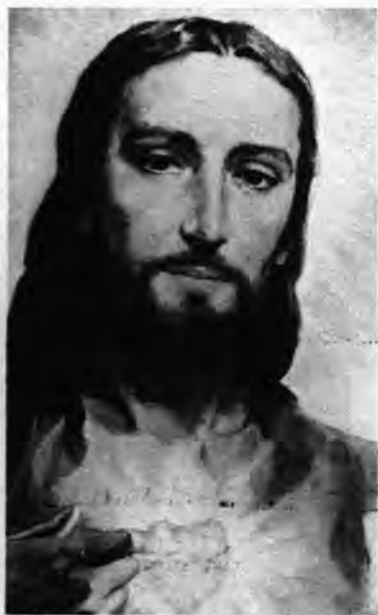
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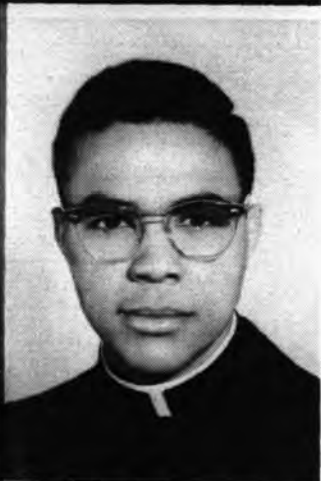
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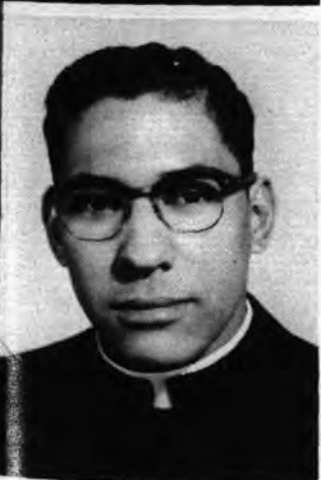
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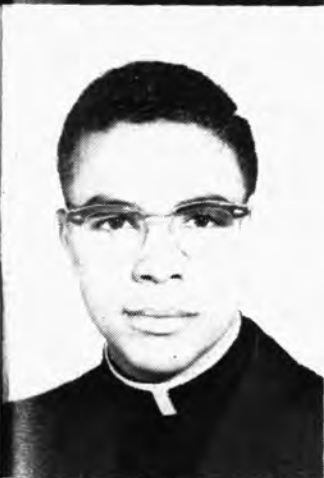
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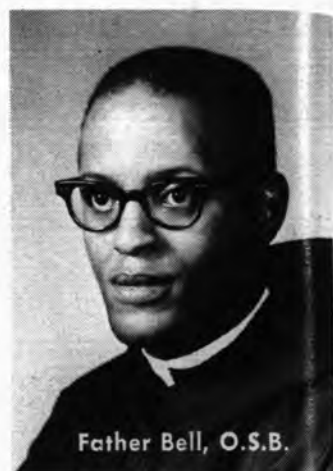
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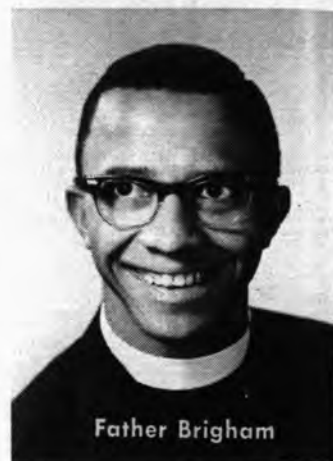
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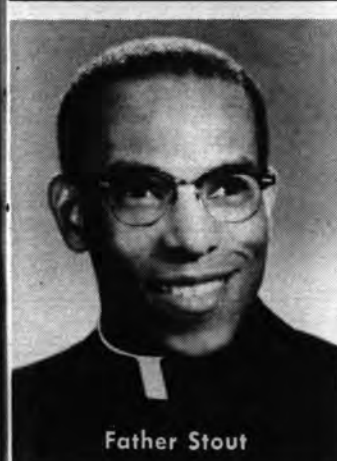


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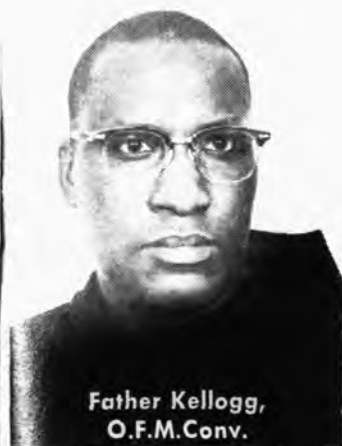
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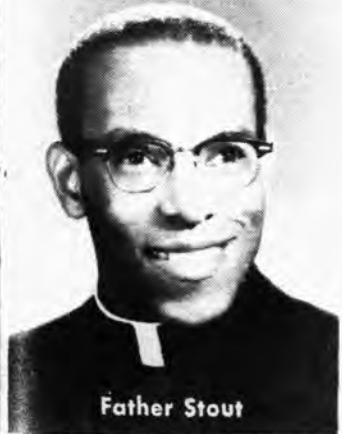


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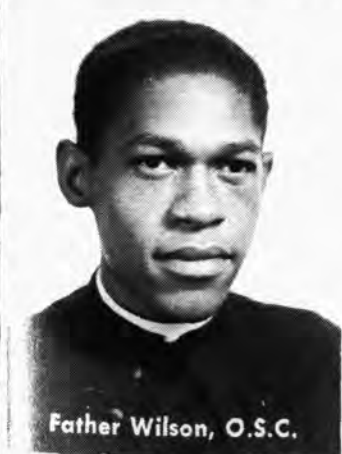
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Boys' and Girls' CORNER

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My dear young friends,

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During vacation your time is valuable, too. Use it well to make the most of the summer,—to refresh yourselves,—to gain new energy for the next school year, for the next step toward Christian manhood and womanhood.

PEN PALS HURRAH!

Want some summer time fun? Then write for a Pen-pal. It's almost like taking a trip when you get a letter from an acquaintance in a far-away place. Here are four more youngsters to whom I can send your name if you send me a 4¢ stamp. They are: Emily Alfreda Jackson of West Memphis, Ark., Kathy Wise of Burtonsville, Md., Richard Gora of Winona, Minn., and Patricia Hains of Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

So, for new friends, pick out one of these names, send me a 4¢ stamp along with it, and I'll send your name off.

YOUNG ARTISTS' CONTEST

The drawings have been coming into my office constantly, even though the youngsters were busy with school work, especially toward the end of the year. I feel that during the summer, when the boys and girls have a little more time to attend to it, they will send in many more fine products of their drawing talent. Take a look at these offerings.

DOUBLE TROUBLE by Moira Durkin, 13, Lowell, Mass.



THE HEAD OF CHRIST by David Nosbisch, 13, Ionia, Iowa



OLD BALDY AT REST by Marion Wagner, 12½ Manitowoc, Wisc.



In addition to these fine drawings, we have the art of the younger contestants, from 12 on down. The winners among them are:

CHIEF BLACKHAWK by William Rausch, 12 Ionia, Iowa



MY PET by Vincent Cavagnero Torrington, Conn.



FISHERMAN'S LUCK by Migdalia Morales, 12, Lorain, Ohio



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These are the prize winners for the month of June. There will be no more prizes given out until the contest in the September issue. However, anytime during the summer, you may turn in your drawing for that event.

Honorable mention for the seniors goes to Carolyn Foro, 13, of Ravena, N.Y.; and Marlene Billiot, 15, of Cameron, La.

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Boys and Girls, try again!!! I'll be waiting for your next attempt to win a prize.

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A. CORNE'S MAILBAG

MARGERY DANNER (Carlsbad, Calif.) "Here is some some stamps to help you in your work. If you have a picture of St. Christina or St. Clare, or St. Elizabeth of Hungary would you please send them to me. Thank you."

MARY REGINA BUNTE (Pasadena, Calif.) "We enjoy getting the Messenger very much . . . I go to a public high School and am in the 7th grade. We have Catechism lesson on Saturday at St. Philip. We just made our confirmation last month . . ."

RUTHIE LIVELY (Plaquemine, La.) "... I am in the 6th grade and will make my Confirmation this month. I pray for the missions every day . . . May God bless you and keep you and your missions."

ANITA YANOSCHAK (Johnstown, Penna.) "... I haven't gotten to read your Messenger in quite a while. You see my girl friend had a subscription and it ran out, and we at our house never subscribed. I sent you stamps about two years ago . . ."

MICHAEL CHAVARA (Farrell, Pa.) "I am in third grade in St. Ann and I am eight years old. I come from a family of 8 boys and two girls. Their names are Joseph, William, Michael (me), John, Rosemary, Elane, Thomas, Timothy, David, Steven. My hobbies are collecting

rocks, playing all kinds of ball. I deliver the morning papers . . ."

LUCY JANERELLA (no address sent) "I am sending some cancelled stamps. Would you please send me a holy card of St. Catherine and St. Bernadette, St. Lucy, if you have them."

RICHARD GORA (Winona, Minn.) "I always read your Messenger. I like the 'Boys' and Girls' Corner" very much. Please, give the ten cents enclosed to the missions . . . I am twelve years old."

ANNA LA BARGE (Chateaugay, N.Y.) "Enclosed are 9 cancelled stamps. I hope they will do some good. I also would like a picture of the Sacred Heart. I read the 'Boys' and Girls' Corner" all the time. Thank you."

SUZANNE ROUTHIER (Derby Line, Vt.) "How are you? I hope that you are fine. I do not have any one to write to, so I decided to write to you . . . I hope that you are going to write to me some more."

BILL KILBANE (Lakewood, Ohio) "I have just received the May copy of the Messenger and I want to thank you for printing my name. I also saw the name of Pat Montoya of Fort Crook, Nebr. who said that he (or she) gets the Messenger every month and wants a pen pal to write to . . . I would appreciate it very much if you could send me his (or her) address . . . I am enclosing a self-addressed envelope so contact can be made easier for you and your fellow workers . . ."

KATHY WISE (Burtonsville, Md.) "Here are some more stamps for the missions. I hope they will help out a little . . . May God bless you and keep you in His care forever."

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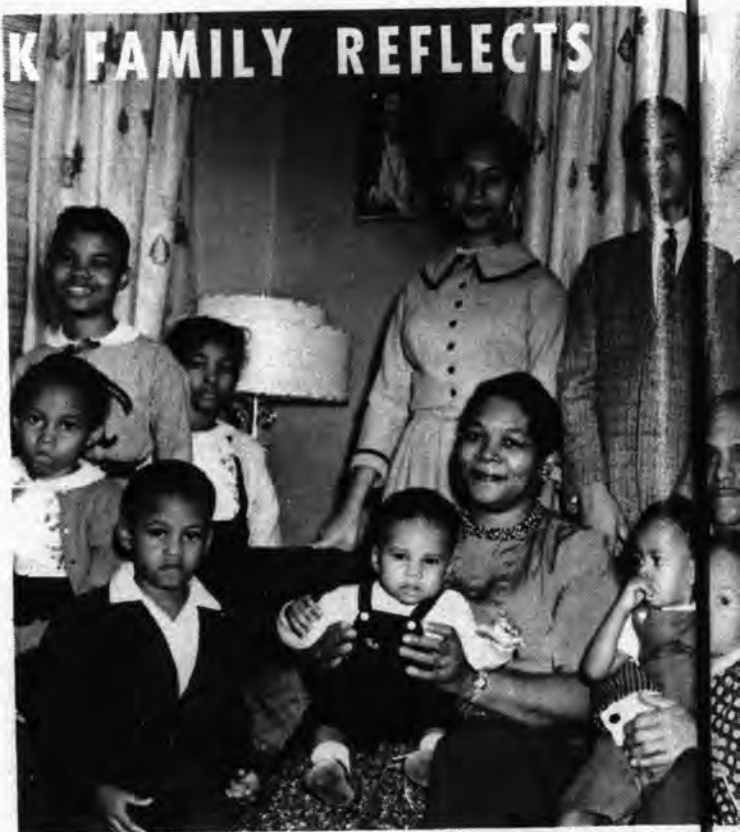
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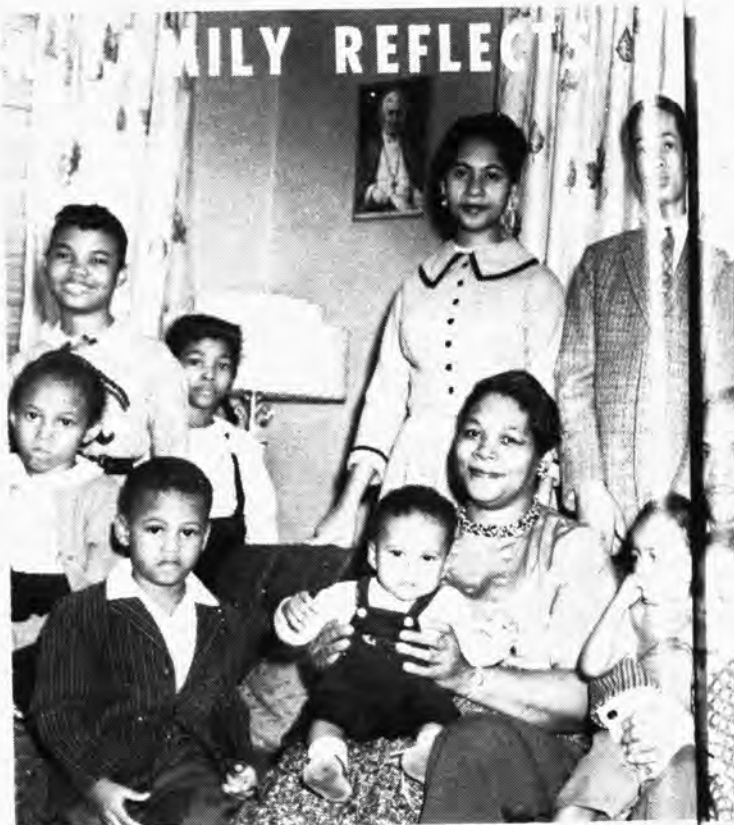
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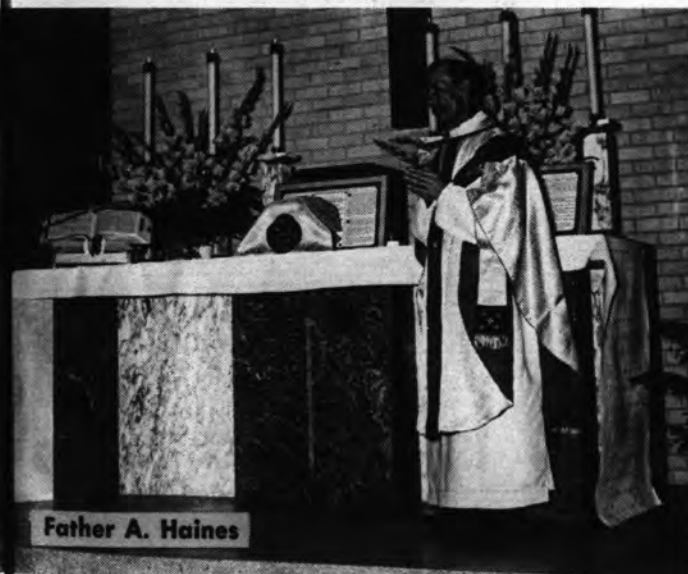
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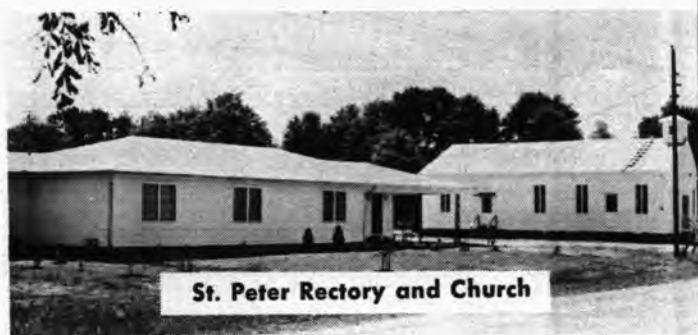
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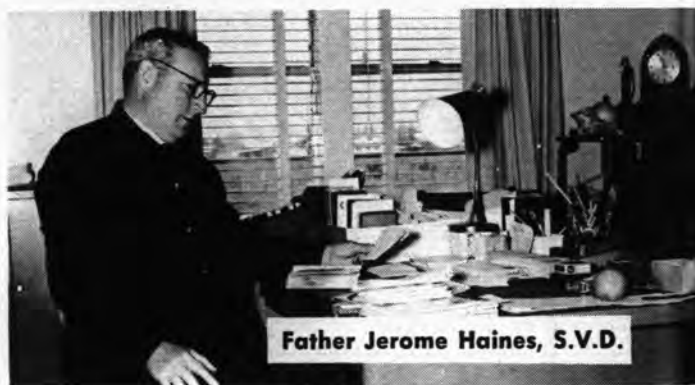
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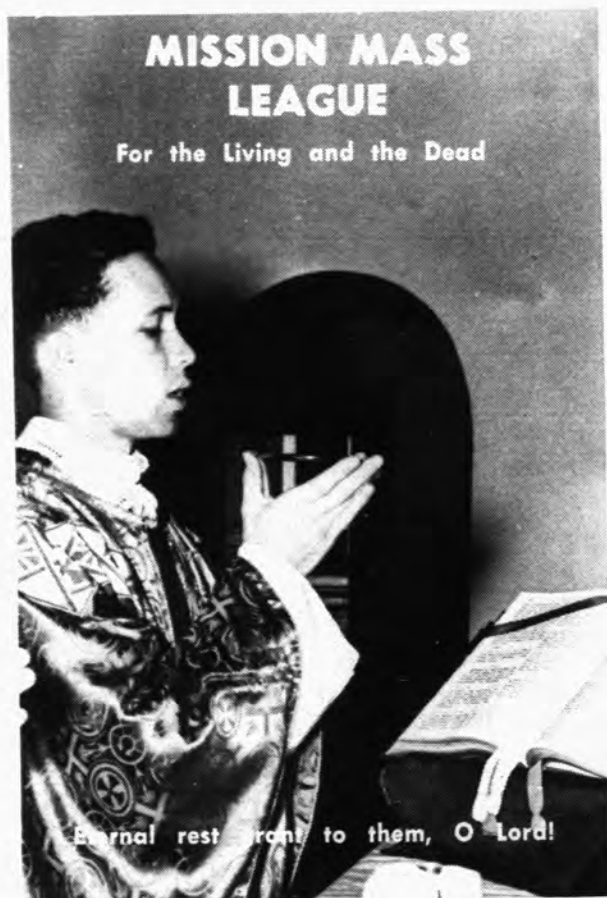
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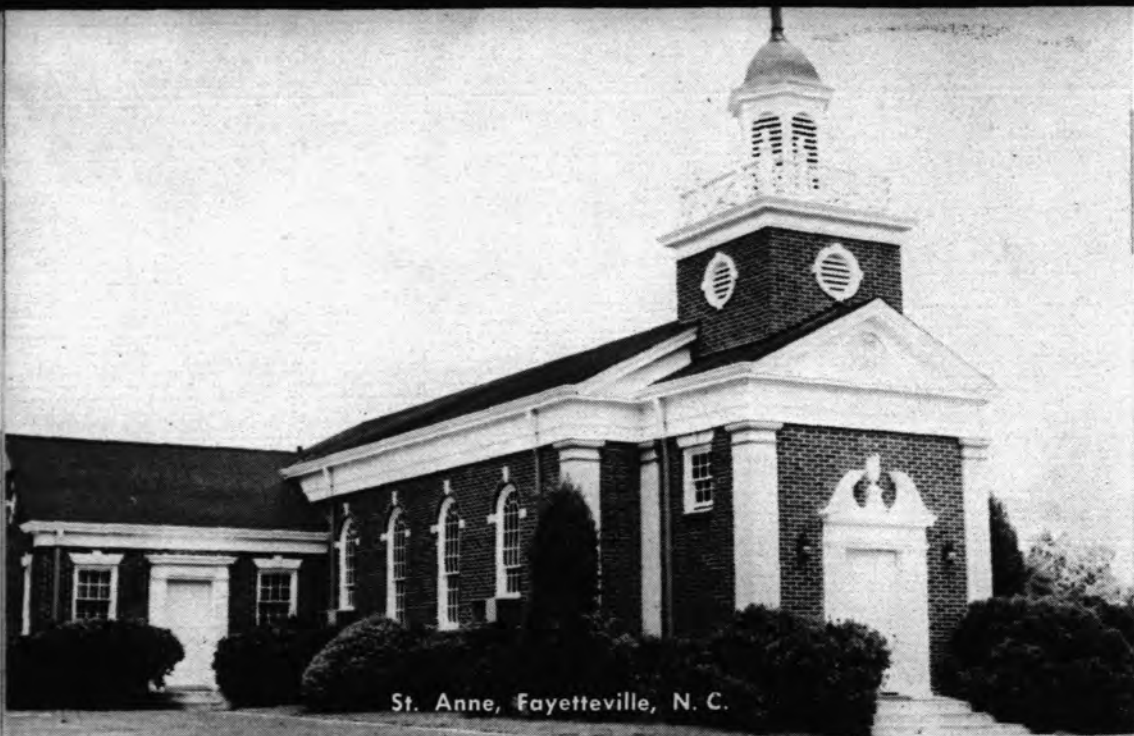
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Charleston	1. St. Peter	1 Holy Ghost Father	381	126	16 Oblates of Providence
	2. Imm. Conception	1 Holy Ghost Father (same above)	-----	-----	-----
	3. Our Lady of Mercy*	1 Holy Ghost Father	-----	-----	-----
Aiken	4. St. Gerard	1 diocesan priest	130	-----	5 Oblates of Providence
Anderson	5. St. Mary	1 Friar Minor	-----	-----	-----
Bennettsville	6. St. Denis	1 diocesan priest (non-resident)	-----	-----	-----
Columbia	7. Blessed Martin	3 Dominicans	227	-----	4 Dominican Sisters; 3 lay teachers
Florence	8. St. Anne	1 Oblate Father (resides at Sumter)	-----	-----	-----
Georgetown	9. St. Cyprian	1 Soc. Afric. Missions priest	190	-----	5 Franciscan Handmaids
Greenville	10. St. Anthony	3 Franciscans	188	-----	4 Franciscans of Penance; one
Hartsville	11. St. Joseph	1 Holy Ghost Father	120	-----	3 Srs. Adorers Prec. Blood; one
Kingstree	12. Our Lady of Fatima	1 diocesan priest	-----	-----	-----
	13. O.L. of Per. Help	1 diocesan priest (same above)	-----	-----	-----
Orangeburg	14. Christ the King	1 Redemptorist	229	-----	8 Oblates of Providence
Rockhill	15. St. Mary**	1 Oratorian priest	-----	-----	3 Christian Doctrine Srs.; 1 Oratorian Brother
Spartanburg	16. St. Joseph	2 Redemptorists	-----	-----	-----
Sumter	17. St. Jude	2 Oblate Fathers	163	34	7 Srs. St. Mary of Namur
Walterboro	18. St. Joseph	2 Trinitarians	132	-----	3 Mercy Sisters; two
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Asheville	21. St. Anthony	1 Friar Minor	98	-----	4 Franciscan Sisters
Charlotte	22. O.L. of Consolation	2 diocesan priests	227	-----	5 Oblates of Providence; one
	23. St. Mary	1 diocesan priest (same above)	-----	-----	-----
Durham	24. Holy Cross	1 Jesuit	-----	-----	-----
Elizabeth City	25. St. Catherine	1 Edmundite	89	-----	3 Holy Union Sisters
	26. St. Cather. Mission	1 Edmundite (same above)	-----	-----	-----
Fayetteville	27. St. Ann	1 Oblate Father	156	-----	3 Sisters of Providence; one
Goldsboro	28. Sacred Heart	1 diocesan priest (non-resident)	-----	-----	-----
Greenville	29. St. Gabriel	2 Passionists	148	-----	4 Srs. of Christian Charity
Greensboro	30. O.L. of Mir. Medal	2 Vincentians	163	-----	4 Srs. of Charity
High Point	31. Christ the King	2 Atonement Fathers	100	-----	5 Franciscan Handmaids
Kingston	32. O.L. of Atonement	2 Atonement Fathers	159	-----	5 Srs. Adorers of Prec. Blood; 1 Atonement Brother
Lumberton	33. St. Madeline	1 Atonement Father	82	-----	3 Srs. Adorers of Prec. Blood
Monroe	34. St. Joseph	1 diocesan priest (non-resident)	-----	-----	-----
New Bern	35. St. Joseph	1 Passionist	150	31	6 Servants Imm. Heart of Mary; one
Salisbury	36. O.L. of Victory	1 diocesan priest	-----	-----	-----
Sanford	37. O.L. of Lourdes	1 diocesan priest (non-resident)	-----	-----	-----
Southern Pines	38. O.L. of Victory	1 diocesan priest (non-resident)	25	-----	2 Notre Dame Sisters
Spencer Mountain	39. St. Helen	1 Benedictine (non-resident)	-----	-----	-----
Washington	40. Mother of Mercy	2 Passionists	120	33	6 Servants Imm. Heart of Mary; one
Wilmington	41. St. Thomas	1 Josephite	82	-----	5 Franciscan Handmaids
Wilson	42. St. Alphonsus	2 Redemptorists	170	-----	5 Oblates of Providence
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	3. Our Lady of Mercy*	1 Holy Ghost Father		
Aiken	4. St. Gerard	1 diocesan priest	130	5 Oblates of Providence
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Georgetown	9. St. Cyprian	1 Soc. Afric. Missions priest	190	5 Franciscan Handmaids
Greenville	10. St. Anthony	3 Franciscans	188	4 Franciscans of Penance; one
Hartsville	11. St. Joseph	1 Holy Ghost Father	120	3 Srs. Adorers Prec. Blood; one
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Orangeburg	14. Christ the King	1 Redemptorist	229	8 Oblates of Providence
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Spartanburg	16. St. Joseph	2 Redemptorists		
Sumter	17. St. Jude	2 Oblate Fathers	163	34 7 Srs. St. Mary of Namur
Walterboro	18. St. Joseph	2 Trinitarians	132	3 Mercy Sisters; two
	19. St. James (Ritter-"Cath. Hill")	1 Trinitarian (same above)	61	1 Mercy Sister; two
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98		4 Franciscan Sisters	1 Friar Minor	21. St. Anthony	Asheville	
227		5 Oblates of Providence; one	2 diocesan priests	22. O.L. of Consolation	Charlotte	
			1 diocesan priest (same above)	23. St. Mary		Providence
			1 Jesuit	24. Holy Cross	Durham	
89		3 Holy Union Sisters	1 Edmundite	25. St. Catherine	Elizabeth City	
			1 Edmundite (same above)	26. St. Cather. Mission		
156		3 Sisters of Providence; one	1 Oblate Father	27. St. Ann	Fayetteville	Sisters;
			1 diocesan priest (non-resident)	28. Sacred Heart	Goldsboro	
148		4 Srs. of Christian Charity	2 Passionists	29. St. Gabriel	Greenville	Handmaids
163		4 Srs. of Charity	2 Vincentians	30. O.L. of Mir. Medal	Greensboro	
100		5 Franciscan Handmaids	2 Atonement Fathers	31. Christ the King	High Point	of Penance;
159		5 Srs. Adorers of Prec. Blood; 1 Atonement Brother	2 Atonement Fathers	32. O.L. of Atonement	Kingston	
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25		2 Notre Dame Sisters	1 diocesan priest (non-resident)	38. O.L. of Victory	Southern Pines	
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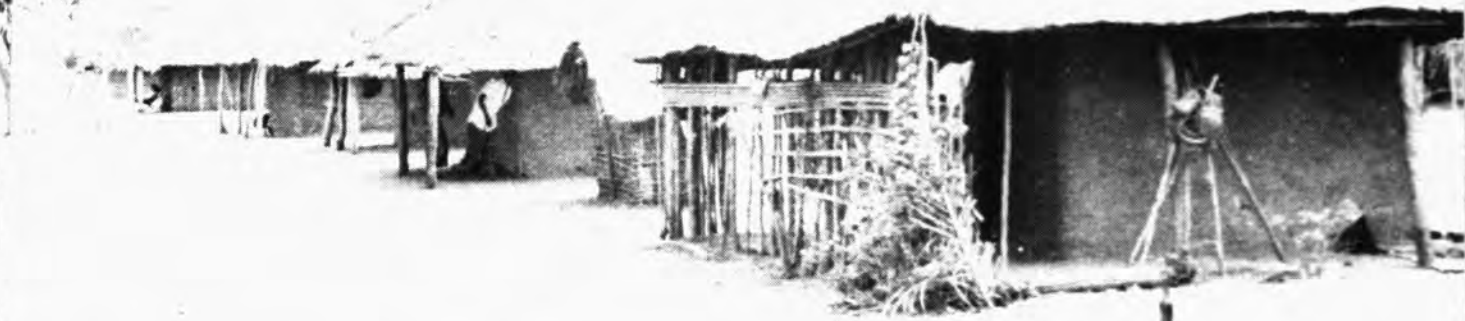
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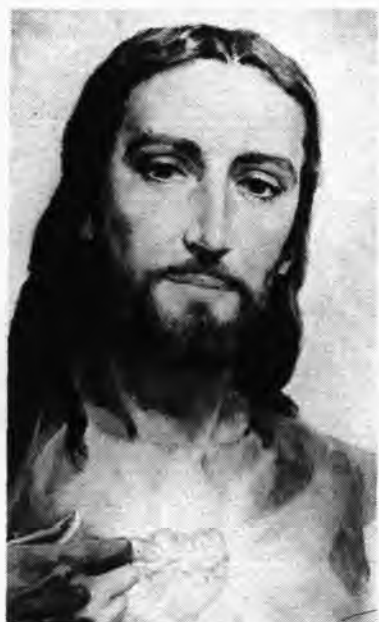
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Divine Word Missionaries invite you to take part in their monthly Sacred Heart Novena. Daily during the Novena your intentions are remembered at the altar. Send in your intentions with your offering before the first day of the Novena.

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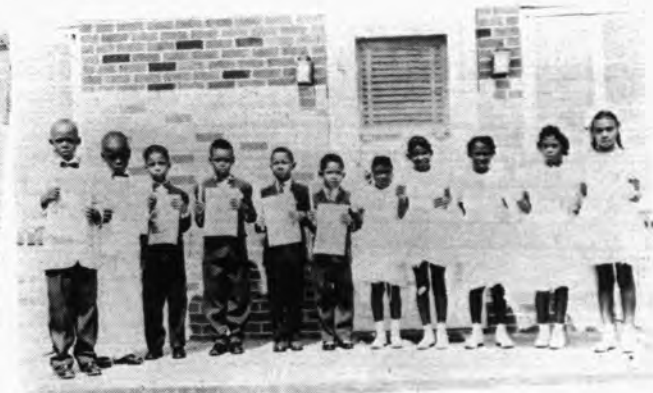


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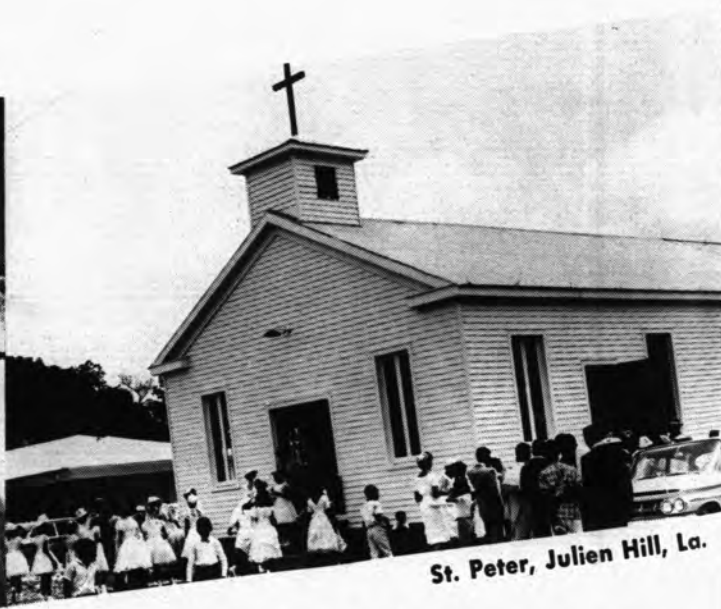
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CORNER

Conducted by A. CORNE

My dear Boys and Girls:

Here the month of September is back again! You know what that means, — or don't you? In a few days all of you, or most of you, will be back in school once more.

Whatever you do, don't let this year give you any cause for regret, so that when next June comes you will find yourself saying: "Well, I didn't do all that I could have done in school last year." Rather, you should be able to say: "Well, I think I did my best."

There are four things that I want each one of you to promise me for this school year; first, that you are going to try to do your school work even better than you did last year; second, that you will try to go to Holy Communion every Sunday or even during the week, too; third, that you are going to give your best help to mother and father and to your teacher; and fourth, that you are going to write and enter in the different contests of the BOYS' & GIRLS' CORNER.

If you promise these things, and try to carry them out, then, we are going to have a grand time this year!

A. CORNE'S MAIL POUCH

During the summer, my mail bag was bulging. I emptied it once and tried to keep it empty, but it was quite a job. Here are some of the many youngsters from whom I heard.

PAT MILLER (Townsend, Montana) "I just got your June-July issue of the MESSENGER. I read the magazine all the time. I am sending you a few stamps. I hope they will help in some way . . . God bless you for ever."

KATHY GIFFORD (Brooklyn, N. Y.) "I want you to know that the missions are included in my daily prayers . . . I'm enclosing some stamps for the missions. God bless you and your wonderful missions. Your friend."

KATHY WISE (Laurel, Md.) "The holy card is beautiful and I thank you for it. Here are more stamps for the missions—62 in all and I am collecting more. Tell me, just how do these stamps help the missions? . . . I'll try to say a prayer each night for God's blessing on your work."

SHARON OSBORNE (Crestwood, Ky.) "I try to say a rosary every day and I would like for you to send me a medal of St. Catherine of Sienna if you have time. I haven't written to you for a long time, but I hope you still remember me. If you do drop me a note."

MARION VAN NIEKERK (Stayner, Ont.) "I just received your letter today. I am so happy over the holy pictures you sent me. I intend on getting some more some day . . . I am enclosing some more stamps for you again. I won't forget to pray for the missions."

GRACE BIERLEY (Grand Rapids, Ohio) "Thank you very much for the rosary and leaflet. The rosary is very pretty. You can be sure that I will pray often for the Saint Augustine's missionaries."

NANCY PORTIER (Houma, La.) "Thank you for the lovely rosary you sent me. You may be sure I will treasure it all my life. I will and have been saying prayers for the missions. Your friend."

BARBARA TEVENNER (Paxton, Ill.) "I was so thrilled with the gift that I received that I have enclosed one dollar . . . We have been saving cancelled stamps and I wondered if you have a use for them. I just want to say thank you very much . . ."

KAREN DUNN and SUSAN CAGWIN (Canastota, N.Y.) "We are sending these cancelled stamps and hope they are right. Some have no paper on back but we didn't soak. We wanted to get them out because it was late. If they are not right would you please let us know and send us a holy card of 2 Saint Theresa, 2 Saint Catherine and 2 St. Lucy. Thank you."

DOLORES VALDEZ (La Jara, Colo.) "I just finished going to Summer Catechism with the Benedictine Sisters. About 2 months ago I received the sacrament of confirmation. My confirmation name was Monica because of the wonderful thing she did for her husband and Saint Augustine. I already have a picture of St. Augustine but I would like a picture of St. Monica . . ."

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YOUNG ARTISTS' CONTEST

Here are September's group of winners in the art contest. I think you'll find these drawings quite skillfully done. The artists from 12 on up are shown first.

THE PIRATE
by Gregg Gardner, 13
Kittery Point, Me.



MY PET
by
Dionetta Hudzinski
Kirkwood, N.Y.



FACIAL BEAUTY
by Elsie Glaser
Ontario, Can.



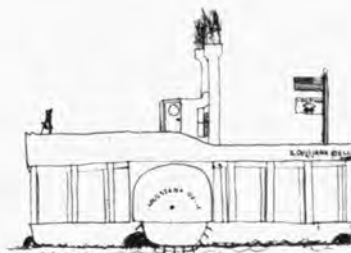
The following get honorable mention for the drawings they sent: Nancy Portier, 12, of Houma, La.; Howard Bierley, 13, of Grand Rapids and Sheila Barrett of Olmstead Falls, both in Ohio; Lucy Torres of Willcox, Arizona; and Katherine Valenti, 14, of Staten Island, N.Y.

The youngsters under twelve sent in the following drawings:



THE OLD LAMP
by Mary Lou Meyer, 10
Ferdinand, Ind.

OUR HOUSE
by
Nancy Finnegan,
11
New Orleans,
La.



LOUISIANA BELLE
by
Robert Bierley,
11
Grand Rapids,
Ohio

And the honorable mention goes to Marion Van Niekerk, 11, of Stayner, Ont.; Clara Gilbride, 11, of Brooklyn; and Marla Brown, 10½, of Arlington, Ill.

The YOUNG ARTISTS' CONTEST goes until December. So you still have time to win a prize with your drawing ability. Use plain paper, black ink. Do your drawing yourself; don't send in one done by somebody else.

PEN-PALS HURRAH!

He writes. She writes. You write. He writes. You write. That's the story of our pen-pals. It's fun when you can meet boys and girls from other parts of our country and from other countries of the world. Here are a few new names to add to the lists we have been printing. If you wish one of these for a pen-pal, send me a 4¢ stamp along with the name of the one you desire, and I shall send your name to him or her.

Linda Bernard, 13, Newmarket, N. H.; Wanda Baham, 16, New Orleans, La.; Rosemary McGayl, 10½, Long Island, N.Y.; and Jonni Zimmerman of Laurel, Md.

And so our September Corner comes to a close. Another school year begins. Here's a little Acorn that popped out of my head for you:

**When I begin to go to school,
I'll learn each lesson and each rule;
But what, I think, I'll learn the best
Is: DO MY SHARE, LEAVE
GOD THE REST**

May the good God bless and keep every one of you always. Your good friend,

A. CORNE
St. Augustine's Seminary
Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi

The Message

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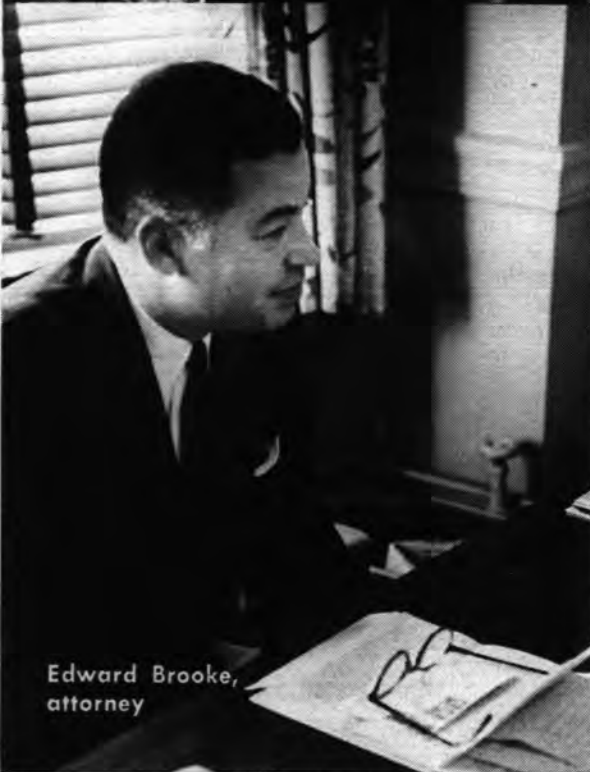
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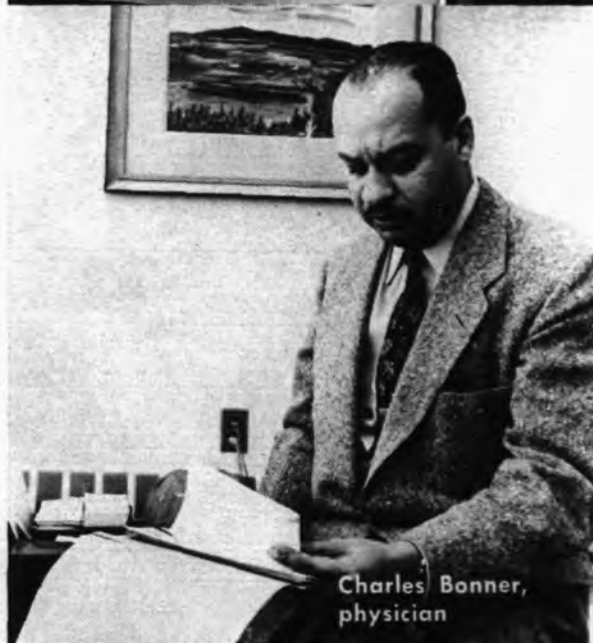
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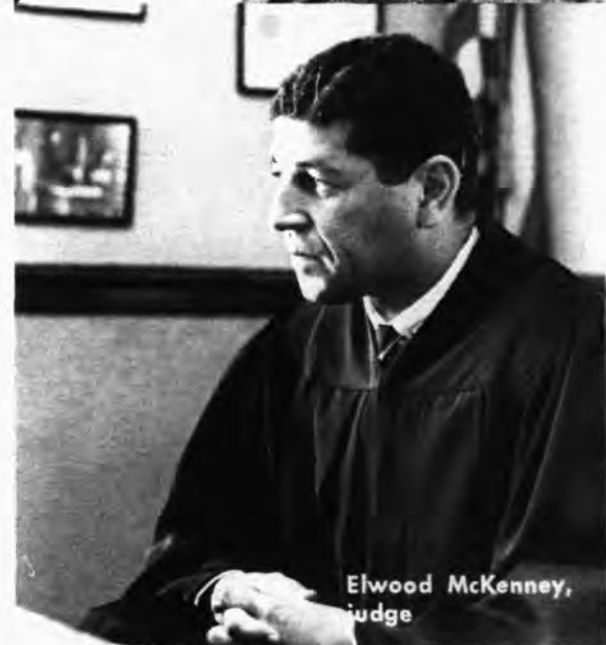
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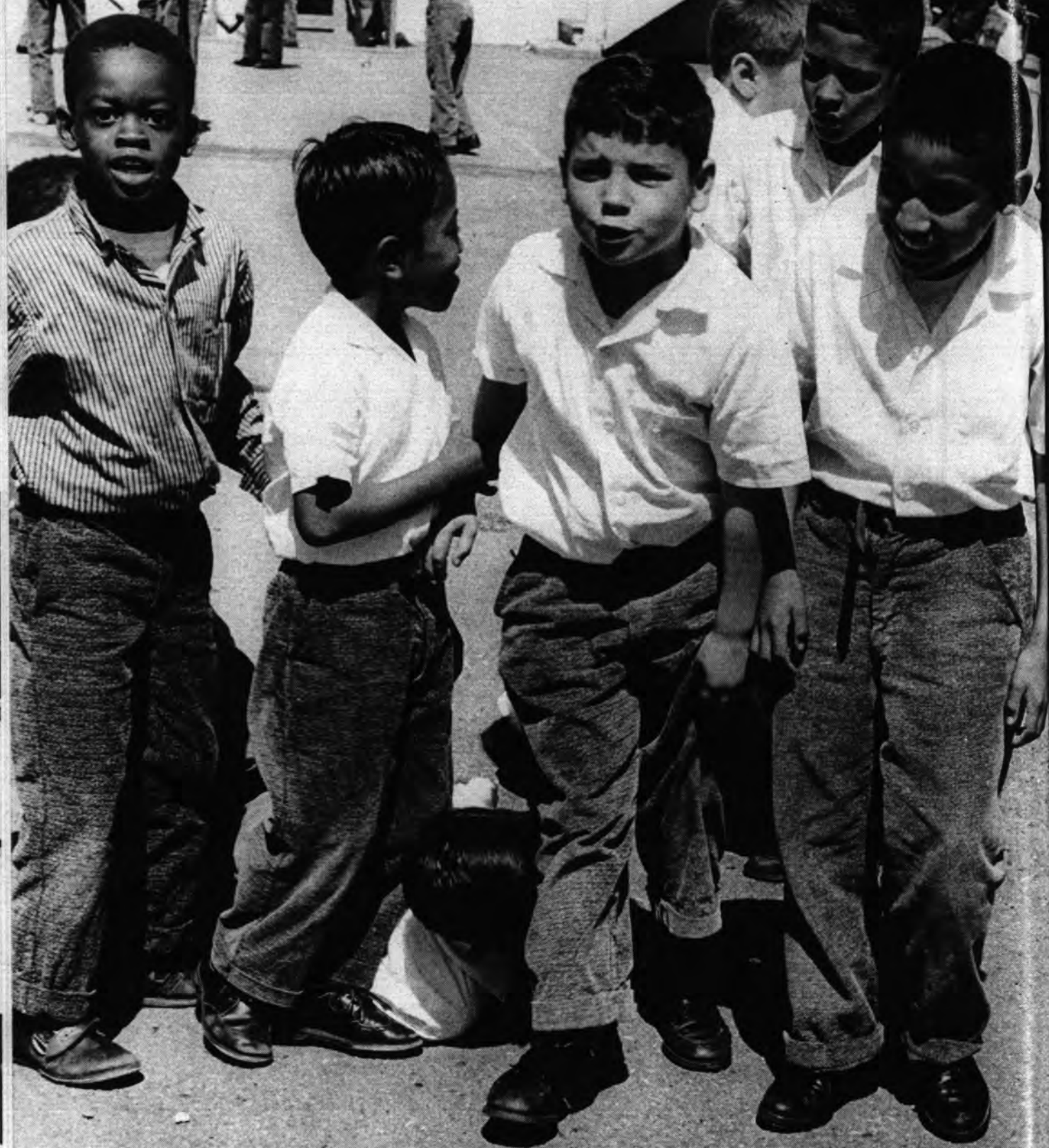


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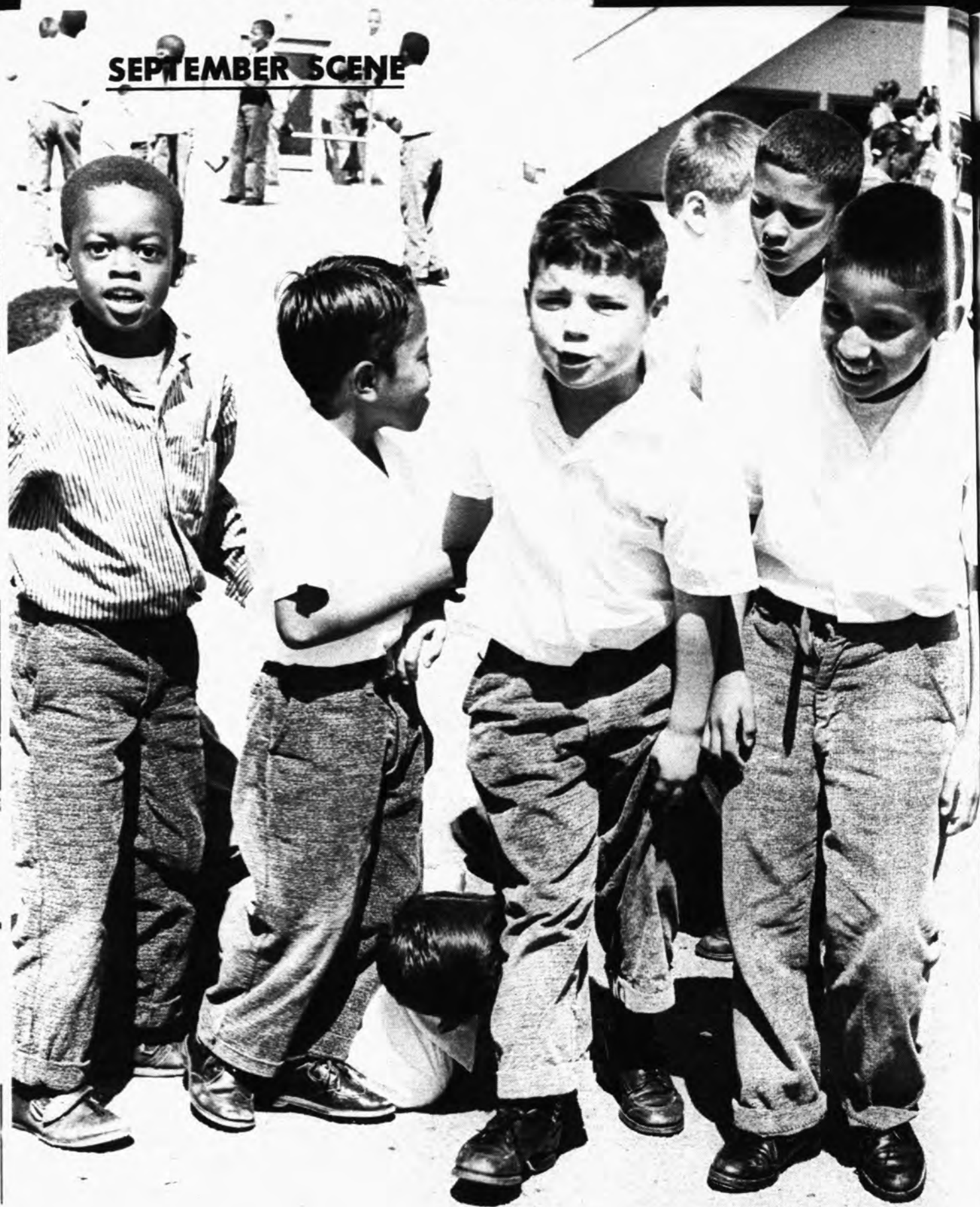
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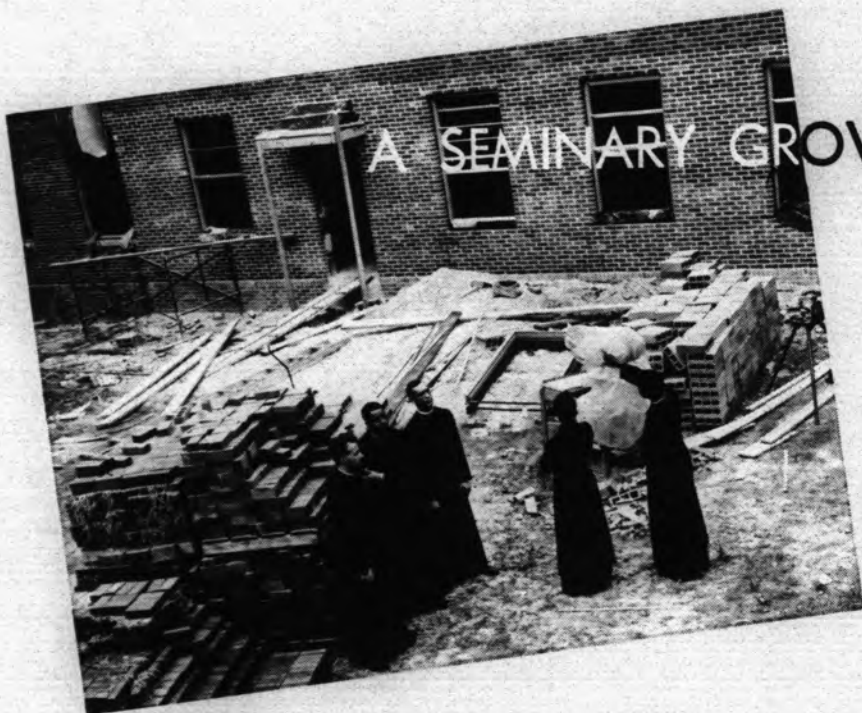
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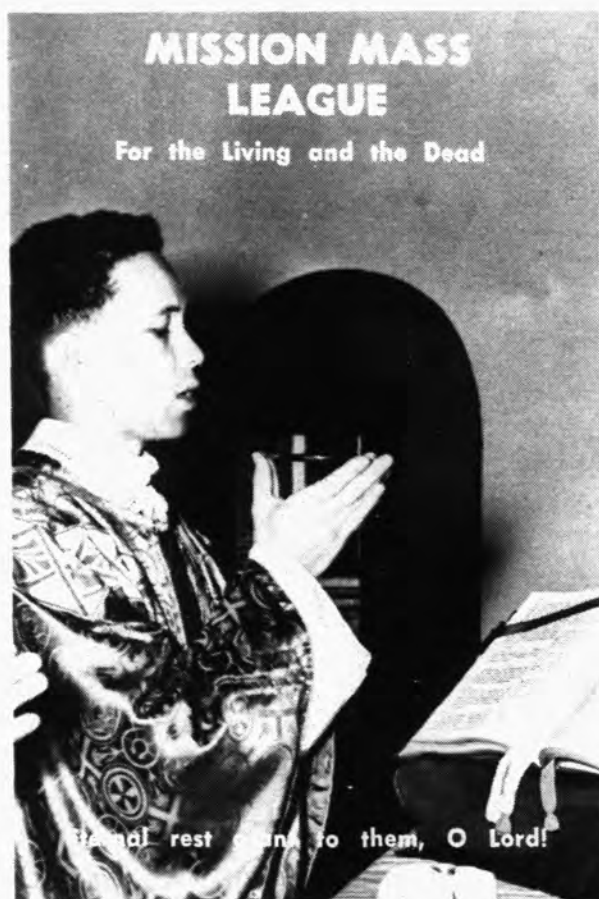
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Cairo, Illinois	1. St. Columba	1 Soc. Afric. Missions priest	77	-----	2 Holy Cross Sisters
Chicago (As Chicago's population shifts, Negroes attend more than 70 Catholic churches there. The 8 listed here were the earliest to acquire from 75% to 100% Negro membership in the transition.)	2. Corpus Christi	5 Friars Minor	974	265	13 Franciscan Frs.; 21 Franciscan Srs.; 2 Franciscan Bros.; 8 lay teachers
	3. Holy Angels	4 diocesan priests	1230	-----	21 School Sisters of St. Francis; 7 lay teachers
	4. Holy Cross	3 diocesan priests	691	-----	12 Srs. of Charity B.V.M.; two
	5. Holy Name of Mary	3 diocesan priests	447	-----	10 Oblates of Providence
	6. O.L. of Gardens	2 Divine Word Missionaries	360	-----	8 Felician Sisters
	7. St. Anselm	4 Divine Word Missionaries	625	-----	13 Bl. Sacr. Sisters; three
	8. St. Elizabeth	4 Divine Word Missionaries	697	249	22 Bl. Sacr. Srs.; four (high school for girls only beginning in Sept. 1961)
	9. St. James	3 diocesan priests	605	-----	9 Sisters of Mercy; four
East Saint Louis	10. St. Mary	1 Soc. Afric. Missions priest	159	-----	4 Dominicans III Order
Evansville, Indiana	11. St. John	1 diocesan priest	156	-----	4 Srs. of Providence; one
Gary	12. St. Monica	4 Oblates of Mary Im.	200	-----	5 Bl. Sacr. Sisters; one
Indianapolis	13. Holy Angels	2 diocesan priests	258	-----	4 Srs. of St. Joseph; two
	14. St. Bridget	4 Oblates of Mary Im.	196	-----	4 Srs. of Providence; two
	15. St. Rita	2 diocesan priests	324	-----	5 Franciscans III Order Reg.; six
Waterloo, Iowa	16. St. Peter Claver	1 diocesan priest (non-resident)	-----	-----	-----
Kansas City, Kansas	17. O.L. of Per. Help	2 Friars Minor	122	-----	3 Sisters of Charity (Leavenworth)
Wichita	18. St. Peter Claver	1 diocesan priest	-----	-----	-----
Detroit, Michigan (Detroit's population is shifting. Aside from these 5 with total Negro attendance at least 19 other churches have a large Negro attendance.)	19. Holy Ghost	2 Hl. Ghost Fathers	197	-----	4 Felician Sisters
	20. O.L. of Victory	1 diocesan priest	231	-----	7 Oblates of Provid.; one
	21. Sacred Heart	3 Hl. Ghost Fathers	160	-----	5 Felician Sisters
	22. St. Benedict	2 Hl. Ghost Fathers	190	-----	4 School Srs. Notre Dame
	23. St. George	2 Josephites	168	-----	4 Servants of Imm. Heart
Flint	24. Christ the King	1 diocesan priest	-----	-----	-----
Inkster	25. Holy Family	1 Hl. Ghost Father	-----	-----	-----

PLACE THE NEGRO MISSIONS IN YOUR WILL

Dear Reader: We, Divine Word Missionaries, publishers of *St. Augustine's Catholic Messenger*, and veterans in the Negro Missions of the South, address this request to you: Will you remember our work in the Negro Missions when you make your last Will and Testament? Any amount you bequeath to us for this work, we assure you, will be put to most worthy use. God will bless your interest in His cause. It was He who advised "Lay up to yourselves treasures in heaven . . ." (Matt. VI, 20).

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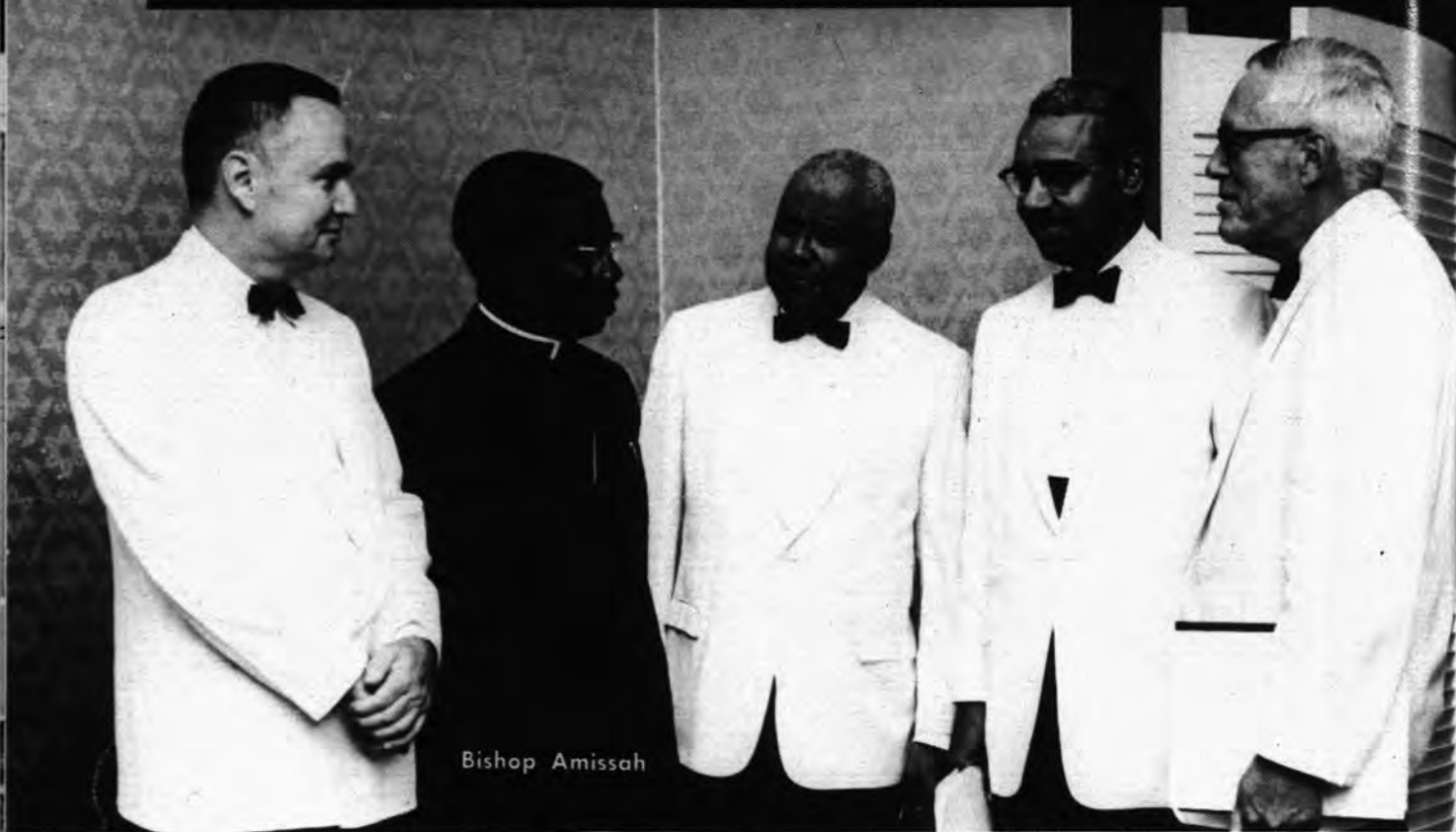
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rs of St.		29. Holy Name	2 Dominicans	94	-----	3 Dominican Srs. (Sinsinawa)
teachers		30. St. Aloysius	2 Benedictines	190	-----	4 Srs. of Charity B.V.M.
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Providence	Kinloch	32. Holy Angels	1 diocesan priest	154	-----	5 Oblates of Provid.; one
rs	Meacham Park	33. Bl. Martin	1 diocesan priest (non-resident)	-----	-----	-----
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s only		36. St. Brigid	2 diocesan priests	309	-----	5 Bl. Sacr. Sisters; two
Sept. 1961)		37. St. Mark	2 diocesan priests	385	-----	8 Dominicans (Sparkill)
rcy; four		38. St. Nicholas	3 Divine Word Missionaries	120	-----	3 Most Precious Blood Srs.; one
II Order		39. St. Theresa	2 diocesan priests	150	-----	5 Sisters of St. Joseph; one
ndence; one		40. Bl. Sacrament	2 diocesan priests	418	-----	6 Srs. Charity Inc. Word; four
ers; one	Cincinnati, Ohio	41. Visitation	2 diocesan priests	360	-----	7 Srs. of Loretto; two
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ndence; two		43. Mother of God	1 diocesan priest	-----	-----	3 Dominicans (Sinsinawa)
II Order		44. St. Anthony	1 Sacred Heart priest	177	-----	6 Franciscan Miss. of Mary
		45. St. Edward	2 diocesan priests	-----	-----	-----
	Cleveland	46. St. Adalbert	3 Prec.Blood Fathers	271	-----	5 Bl. Sacr. Sisters; two
		47. St. Edward	3 Prec.Blood Fathers	423	-----	7 Bl. Sacr. Sisters; two
	Columbus	48. St. Dominic	2 diocesan priests	233	-----	5 Bl. Sacr. Sisters; two
arity	Toledo	49. St. Benedict	1 Oblate of Mary Im.	108	-----	3 Notre Dame Sisters
n)	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	50. Bl. Martin	1 Capuchin	-----	-----	-----
		51. St. Benedict	3 Capuchins	282	82	4 Capuchins; 8 Dominican Srs. (Racine); 2 Capuchin Bros.; five
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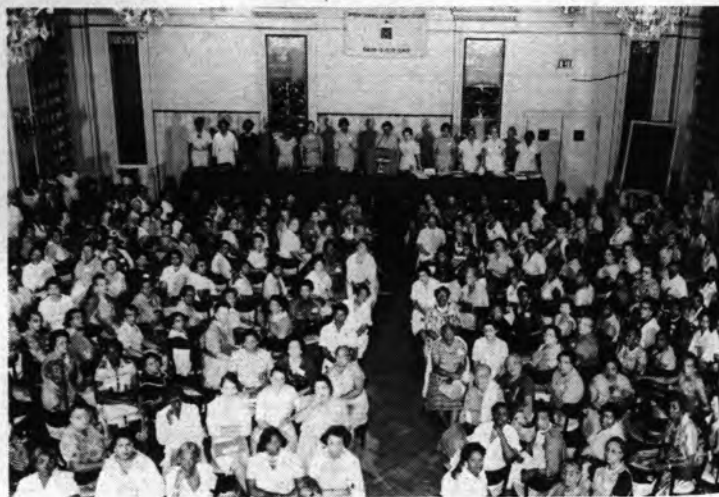
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I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to Society of the Divine Word, Southern Province, Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, the sum of _____ dollars for the uses and purposes of said Province, the same to be its, absolutely and in fee simple. It is my wish that I be remembered in all Masses which may be read for benefactors of said Province.

THE KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER CONVENE



Bishop Amissah



On August 3, 1961 the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver opened its 46th national convention at Washington, D. C. During the five-day gathering a Solemn Pontifical Mass was sung at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception by the Most Rev. Archbishop John Kodwo Amissah of Cape Coast, Ghana. Most Rev. Patrick O'Boyle, D.D., Archbishop of Washington, delivered the sermon at the Mass. The Apostolic Delegate was in attendance.

As a direct result of its convention

the national organization of Catholic men and women issued its heralded *Statement on Interracial Justice*: "We, the Knights of Peter Claver, a national interracial Catholic fraternal order and its Ladies' Auxiliary, assembled in the Nation's Capitol and meeting as well in the shadow of the National Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, speak out against the evils of racial segregation, prejudice, bigotry and all Un-American conduct related to these evils which have so long



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As a direct result of its convention

the national organization of Catholic men and women issued its heralded *Statement on Interracial Justice*: "We, the Knights of Peter Claver, a national interracial Catholic fraternal order and its Ladies' Auxiliary, assembled in the Nation's Capitol and meeting as well in the shadow of the National Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, speak out against the evils of racial segregation, prejudice, bigotry and all Un-American conduct related to these evils which have so long



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SPIRITUAL READING

by REV. E. J. EDWARDS, S.V.D.

Unity in Trinity

The Trinity is the mystery of mysteries, the mystery of God Himself. A mystery of divine multiplicity in divine unity. The mystery of one God yet three Divine Persons.

Three has been called "the number of God." Time and again it confronts us. There were three members of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Our Lord taught publicly for three years; He hung on the cross for three hours and remained in the sepulchre three days; He discharged the triple office of Priest, Prophet and King. An office paralleled by the church's triple office of teacher, priest and shepherd. The Church of Christ is threefold: the Church Militant, the Church Suffering, the Church Triumphant, embracing the community of faithful here on earth, in Purgatory or in Heaven. Each of the sacraments contains three parts: intention, matter and form.

In the world of nature we have three main kingdoms: the material, the vegetable and the animal. Time is threefold: past, present, future.

A perceptive mind will discover "the number of God" repeatedly in the life and world about it. And along with "the number of God" is detected also

the attributes of God. This is as it should be. Both the Book of Wisdom (13,1) and St. Paul (Rom. 1,20) tell us that from visible things of creation we can come to learn the invisible attributes of the Creator. The greatness, power and beauty "of fire, or wind, of nimble air, of wheeling stars, tempestuous waves, or sun and moon" shadow forth the everlasting power, splendor and divinity of Him who made them.

The Creator reveals Himself through His creation. Not fully, yet truly. And so the great saints and theologians use the things of God to help us better understand God. Traces of the Trinity in Unity they discover in "the orb of the sun, its light and its heat. Three different things, which are at the same time really one." The three Divine Persons have one divine nature; they are divided only in their origin. "In a tree the *trunk* comes forth from the *root* and from both comes the *fruit*. Such is the relation of the three divine Persons."

"The soul of man contains memory, understanding and will, which are but manifestations of the same spiritual substance."



NOVENA TO SACRED HEART

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God is one and our one concern should be the one God.

The heart of religion is adoration. The adoration of the Trinity should be the main concern of life on earth as it is of life in heaven. All our work and prayer should be an adoration of the Triune God. Each day, gratefully accepted, and lived in union with God, is an adoration of the Trinity, a giving of glory to the Divine Giver.

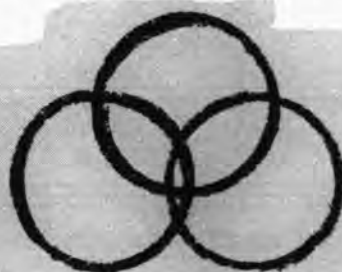
This attitude of heart, this way of life, produces an habitual sense of God's presence and from it flows a number of things we are in sore need of these days. For one thing, we do our work more slowly, carefully. It is no longer just a job—it is an act of adoration. For another thing, we tend to become less talkative and more content. In general we become more calm, steadier in everything we do, and gentler with others, more considerate of them, with a readier understanding of their needs and problems, and a quicker desire to help. It is bound to be so. With the sign of the Cross we start and finish everything we do. And so the power of the Father, the wisdom of the Son, the love of the Holy Spirit permeate and are manifested in everything we set our hand to.

This is what Our Lord wants of us. It was the longing desire of it that filled His Heart in His final hours. He begged His Holy Father to grant it to us. At the Last Supper He prayed for the Apostles and then for all of us: "That they all may be one, as thou, Father, in me, and I in thee: that they also may be one in us . . ." (Jo. 17, 21) Our Lord asks for unity among the faithful, a unity like the unity existing among the Persons of the Blessed

Trinity "that they may be one *as We also are one.*" What an amazing prayer! You, I, and all the rest of us are to be one as the Trinity is one. The unity of our friendships, family life, community, national and international life is to be modelled on the sublime unity of the Trinity's ineffably perfect life.

How much food for thought there is in this! And what a practical way is pointed out for us to proclaim and honor the Trinity—by exercising, in our relation with others, the unity that characterizes the relation of the Divine Three Persons. Just as we proclaim and honor the Person of Our Lord by living the life our Lord, so in like manner, we are to honor and proclaim the mystery of the Trinity by living the life of the Trinity.

To live in perfect harmony with others seems beyond a man's powers. Ambition for power, pleasures and personal importance, makes harmonious living with others impossible. Self-love and self-will defeat any attempts at unity. Human weakness and diversity of temperaments cannot be reconciled into peaceful living. Left to themselves these warring elements in man's make-up result in all sorts of strife. But the grace of God works miracles. Divine help can overcome human weakness. God living in us makes us able to live among others in perfect peace. The multiplicity of men is reconciled by the unity of God dwelling in men. And that unity is effected by Christ's presence in men, especially by the Eucharist which is both the promise and the cause of it: "Because the bread is one, we though many, are one body, all of us partake of the one bread." (1 Cor. 10, 17)



ALONG THE DIVINE WORD

THE CHURCH IN A JAPANESE-AMERICAN CULTURE



OUR ST FRANCIS MISSION AT SAN FRANCISCO

(Adapted from James Kelly's *Monitor* story)

An estimated 25,000 persons of Japanese birth or descent live in the 13 counties that make up the Archdiocese of San Francisco. A few more than 500 of them are Catholics, for a 2% figure. On one scale the figure is significant. On another it records a remarkable stride in the dogged pursuit of a dream.

Four hundred years ago, St. Francis Xavier had that dream, of winning the Japanese people to Christ. It died—so it appeared—under the Samurai swords that cut down the martyrs of Nagasaki. Now it lives again, spurring Xavier's successors. Father Joseph Guetzloe, S.V.D., Divine Word Missionary at St. Francis Xavier's Mission in San Francisco has been assigned the task of ministering to the Japanese Catholics throughout the San Francisco Archdiocese. He has faculties for the Sacramento and Monterey-Fresno Dioceses too, the only priest assigned to minister to the Japanese Catholics in Northern California. Father Guetzloe is not the man to crow over comparative statistics, but he points out that the percentage of Catholics among the Japanese-Americans is ten times higher than that of the Catholics among the people of Japan . . . the scene of St. Francis Xavier's dream of conquest.

Divine Word Missionaries' St. Francis Xavier Mission is a mite of a church, with a touch of the Orient in its curling eaves. It bears the name of the sainted Xavier. And it centers in apostolate that reaches well beyond San Francisco. Father Guetzloe is not without help in his work. There are the Daughters of Mary and Joseph who run Morning Star School, across the street from the



church. Since 1930 the Sisters, in their distinctive black-with-blue garb, have been teaching Japanese youngsters from all parts of San Francisco. The Reverend Mother Superior heads the staff of eight nuns, two lay teachers, and a Japanese language instructor. Four-fifths of the 250 pupils are non-Catholics.

To do his job, Father Guetzloe brings 10 years' (through World War II) experience in Japan and a solid knowledge of the Japanese language. Plus a realistic appraisal of the difficulties of his mission to the Japanese-Americans.

"The Japanese:, he says, "are resistant to Christianity for three reasons: 1) They are immersed in an ancient and highly developed culture. 2) They are quite materialistic, in the sense that their own religion—Buddhism—does not exert an influence on day-to-day life. It's a matter of tradition rather than of personal conviction. 3) Christianity's stringent moral code has little appeal to them. Their morals are external, based on preserving social standing. What the majority of them do have—and this is a good thing to build on—is a very powerful sense of natural virtue. It is best seen in their strong family life."

Can the barriers be penetrated?

"Yes, slowly. But in the Japanese community in San Francisco there are factors that pull both ways.

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(Adapted from James Kelly's *Monitor* story)

An estimated 25,000 persons of Japanese birth or descent live in the 13 counties that make up the Archdiocese of San Francisco. A few more than 500 of them are Catholics, for a 2% figure. On one scale the figure is significant. On another it records a remarkable stride in the dogged pursuit of a dream.

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To do his job, Father Guetzloe brings 10 years' (through World War II) experience in Japan and a solid knowledge of the Japanese language. Plus a realistic appraisal of the difficulties of his mission to the Japanese-Americans.

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Can the barriers be penetrated?

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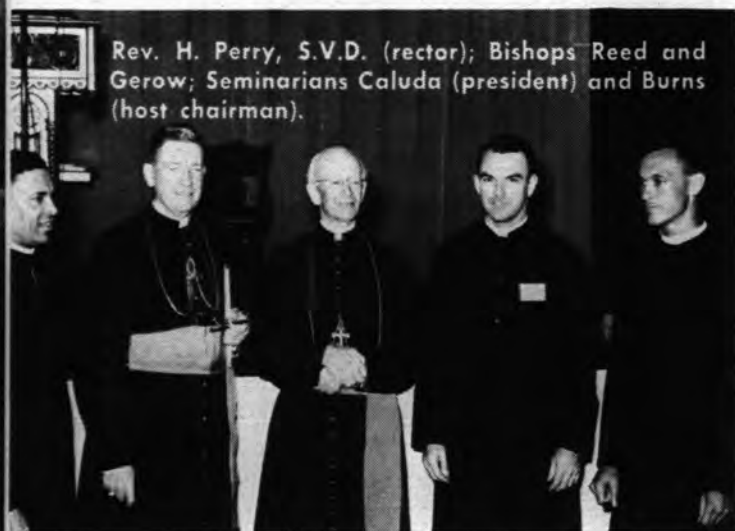
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Boys' and Girls' CORNER

Conducted by A. CORNE



My dear Boys and Girls:

Do you know anything special about this month? Why, of course, it is the Month of the Holy Rosary. During the month of October, the Rosary is said in church every day. In some Catholic homes father and mother and all the children kneel down and say the Rosary together after supper or just before going to bed. That is a fine custom, and should be imitated in all Catholic homes.

A. CORNE'S MAIL BAG

Digging deep into the old mail sack, I come up with fine letters from my young readers of this CORNER.

LORRAINE ACUNA (Richmond 2, Calif.) "... Enclosed are a mess of stamps. One from Mexico ... In September we will be welcoming a new arrival. I really do hope it's a boy ... Then there will be 6 of us ... Your good friend."

TERESA ZIMMIE (Philadelphia, Penna.) "Enclosed you will find 243 stamps. I am 10½ years old. I will be 11 in May ... Please, send me a holy card of St. Teresa of Avila, St. Anne and St. Catherine if you have them. I pray for the missions every day. Yours truly in Jesus Christ."

CATHERINE CULLEN (Pomona, Calif.) "I am nine years old, and I would be happy to join your group of pen-pals. I am saving stamps to your mission. Father, I would be very happy if you would send me the rules of the drawing contest, and I would be very glad if you would send a letter to me saying that my letter got to you. Another thing, would you, please, try to get a girl about my age to be my pen-pal. Sincerely yours."

LINDA BOHONOS (Walnutport, Pa.) "I am 11 years old and in sixth grade. I go to Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary School. I enjoy writing letters. It is my hobby. In school we have a golden penny box for the missions. We try to get \$10.00 a month for the missions. Please answer my letter. Enclosed is a quarter for a

burse in honor of our Lady of Lourdes. God bless and Love you."

JOHN CLINE (Fords, New Jersey) "Thank you very much for the beautiful rosary beads. I will always treasure them. I will always keep them in remembrance of you. Your friend."

MARY MARGARET HELZLSOUER (Abilene, Tex.) "Thank you for the post card you sent. I have enjoyed reading it over and over again. The enclosed cancelled stamps are for the missions. Would you please send me a picture of St. Margaret Mary."

MARY ELIZABETH LASKOWSKI (Beaver Falls, Pa.) "I am 10 years old and going to the 5th grade. Enclosed are some stamps and an offering of 50¢. In return I would like some holy cards and I would like it very much if you would keep me in your prayers for my vocation ... I say a Hail Mary every day for the missions. Thank you very much. God bless you. Your friend."

CLARA GILBRIDE (Brooklyn, N.Y.) "... I'm 11 years old, St. Anselm's School, Brooklyn, N.Y. Enclosed are a few cancelled stamps. I have said 20 rosaries for the missions."

MARION VAN NIEKERK (Stayner, Ont., Can.) "Dear Mr. Corne, This is actually my first letter to you, I think. I like the Boys' and Girls' Corner in the MESSENGER very much. I am sending some stamps. In exchange please send me some holy pictures all different ... Here is a picture for the art contest ..."

MARY LOU MEYER (Ferdinand, Ind.) "I would like to join the Young Artists' Contest. I am 10 years old. I am sending a few stamps and in exchange I would like to have a holy picture of Mary. She is my patron St."

SHARYNE STEFFEN (Cedarburg, Wis.) "Enclosed you will find some stamps for the missions. I am 13 years old and would appreciate a pen-pal my age. My hobby is pets and out door life ..."

ELSIE GLASER (Mountain, Ont., Can.) "Dear Rev. Corne, am I correct in calling you Reverend? If not, please contact me and let me know. I was very pleased to receive your reply and Holy Pictures. I looked for results of the Art Contest in the letter though, and I didn't see any ... I am sending another picture. I hope you will accept it and send the results. Your friend."

SUZANNE ROUTHIER (Derby Line, Vt.) "I thank you for the beautiful holy picture you sent me. I like it very much. I also thank you for giving me a pen-pal. I am sending you some stamps."

So there you have the contents of my mail bag, boys and girls. Let me remind you that the drawing contest only goes to the end of this year. So after the month of November, don't send any more samples of your art talent. We will be starting a new Contest with the Dec.-Jan. issue of the MESSENGER.

However for those, who still wish to send in drawings before November, the rules are very simple: use pen and ink, on plain un-ruled white paper; drawings must be original, that is, by you, and not by someone else.

Thanks to all my young friends for the letters, the stamps, the offerings, the mission prayers and everything! Thanks, too, for calling me "Reverend;" I like it. Now let us see what the artists have produced this month.

YOUNG ARTISTS' CONTEST

For the month of October, feast your eyes on the following offerings drawn by the youngsters of the United States.



THE CORNER OF THE STAIRS

by Monica Kleinjan, 12
Hastings, Neb.



SAILING

by Jenny Parikain, 13
Toledo, Ohio



PROUD BEAUTY
Tony Manyo, 14
New York, N.Y.

These three drawings are by the older prize winners. The boys and

girls under twelve sent in the following:



WOLF

by David Sandiford, 11, Lorrain, Ohio



BUTTERFLY
by Gail Pamply, 11
Miami, Fla.



HESPERORNES, PREHISTORIC BIRD

by Jerome Rayczyk, 10
Glenview, Ill.

These are our prize winners for this month. There will be one more month of this contest, then, we shall begin a new one.

Here is a little poem surprise for October 2nd, that I received from Margaret Bierley, 9, of Grand Rapids, Ohio.

GUARDIAN ANGEL

Guardian Angel, trustful and fair,
God has put me under your care.
Wherever I am, whatever I do,
I know you will be near, the whole day through.

Isn't that nice? Not only as a poem, but as a little prayer, too.

Now, I think I'll say goodbye to all my young friends. Keep up the fine mission spirit that you have. In this way, by your offerings, prayers and sacrifices, you can be a big help to the work of the missionaries. May God bless and keep all of you, always and everywhere. Your good friend,

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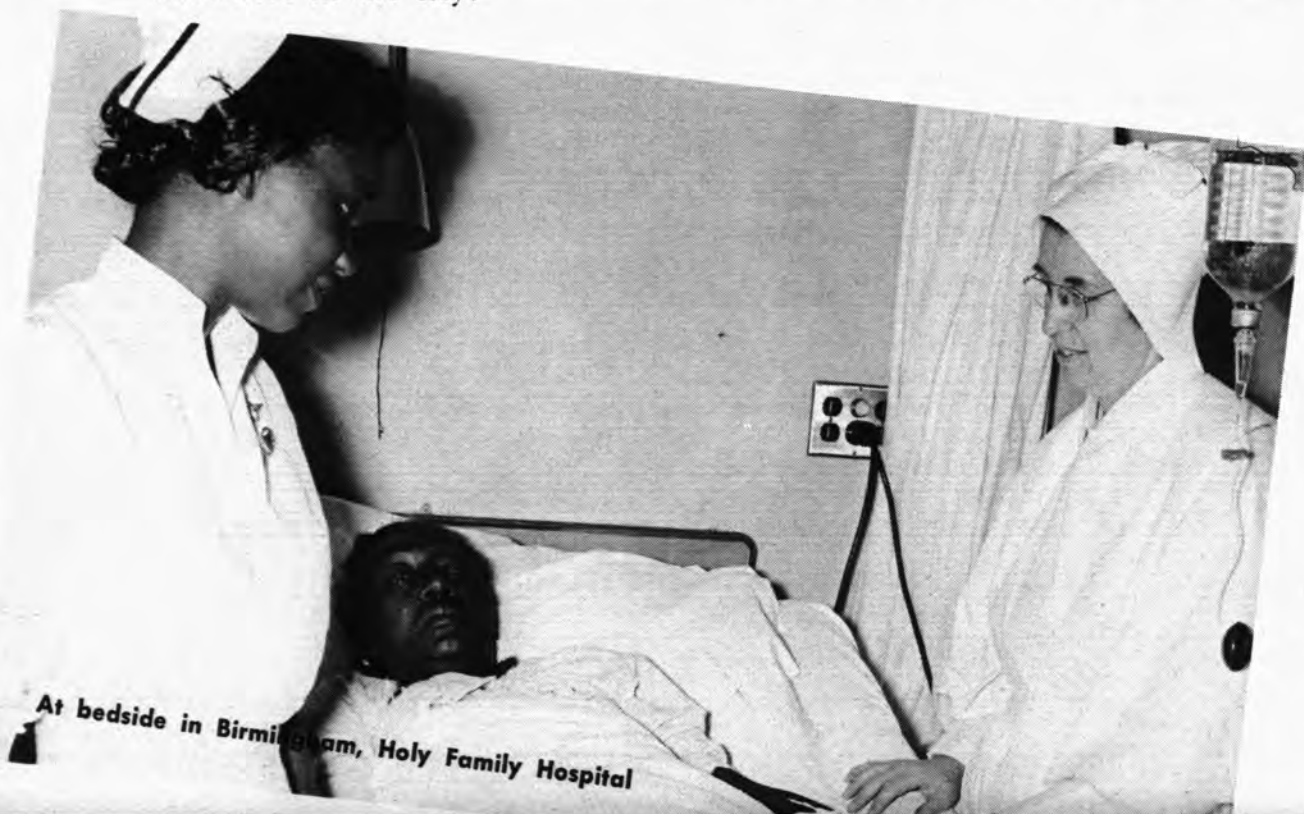
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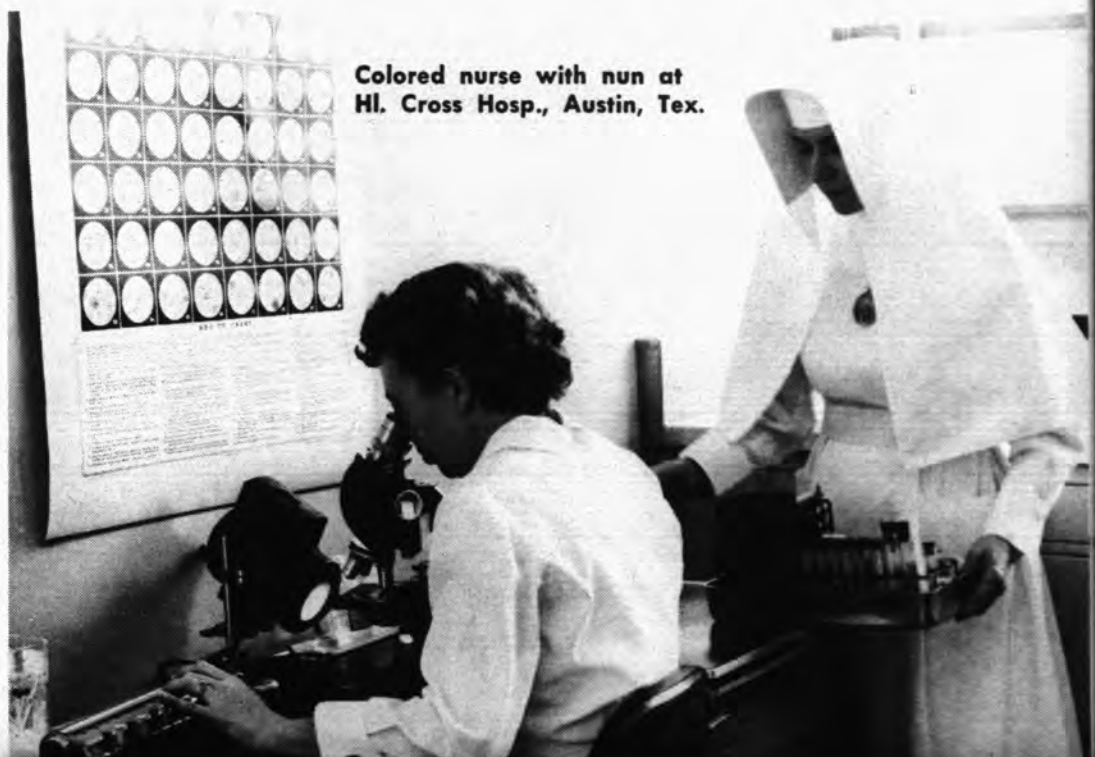


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Father placed his trust in Our Lady. That was in 1947 when, having been given permission by Archbishop Toolen of Mobile to test his idea, he had to find the land, discover the funds, found up the first boys, and carry on from there. Heaven seemed to bless the project from the start. Through several helpful people Father found the property: 120 acres fronting on U.S. Highway 80 at Mt. Meigs, Ala. just east of Montgomery. But it took quite a bit of even Father Michael's prayers to get the two Negro owners agreement to sell. Then to find the down payment. Through uncounted appeals mailed to possible friends everywhere, and through a loan from Father Furcell of St. Jude's Mission in Montgomery, Our Lady of Fatima Boys Town was launched.



Father Michael Caswell, founder, O.L. of Fatima Boys Town, Mt. Meigs, Ala.



The priest know of four homeless Negro boys. He invited them to his fledgling home, a leaky, drafty shack. The first Christmas, 1948 was bleak, but not entirely cheerless, for the five of them. The boys had a home and Father Michael was cheered with their obvious contentment.

In those early months Our Lady provided, even if not in abundance. A few dollars from here. A bit of food and a piece of clothes from there. Everything went to his boys, as Father Caswell kept food from himself to provide for his charges.

Our Lady of Fatima Boys Town has grown with its 14 years. It now houses 35 boys. A definite family spirit has set in. The unspoken and manly mutual acceptance of the boys, one for another, pervades the bare rooms and make-shift buildings. Father Michael, the quiet one, is always there adding spirit to the place. He moves from classes to work shop, to meals to chapel and the boys sense his care for them and are secure. As for its physical growth the venture still isn't much. But Father Michael has ideas for the future. When Father Michael has ideas, look out! for Our Lady steps in. She has never failed him. In thanks for her kind care and to humor her, an attractive outdoor shrine was built. It took two years to complete. And now the boys recite the rosary there. They do not appear at all bad these homeless Alabama lads at prayers. Well, not homeless any longer. Father Michael Caswell's idea and Our Lady's care see to that.



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Father placed his trust in Our Lady. That was in 1947 when, having been given permission by Archbishop Toolen of Mobile to test his idea, he had to find the land, discover the funds, found up the first boys, and carry on from there. Heaven seemed to bless the project from the start. Through several helpful people Father found the property: 120 acres fronting on U.S. Highway 80 at Mt. Meigs, Ala. just east of Montgomery. But it took quite a bit of even Father Michael's prayers to get the two Negro owners agreement to sell. Then to find the down payment. Through uncounted appeals mailed to possible friends everywhere, and through a loan from Father Furcell of St. Jude's Mission in Montgomery, Our Lady of Fatima Boys Town was launched.



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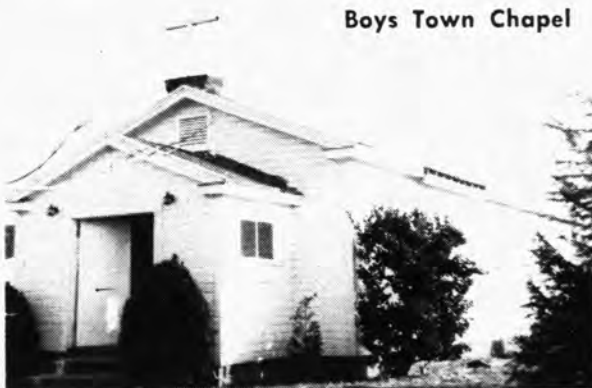


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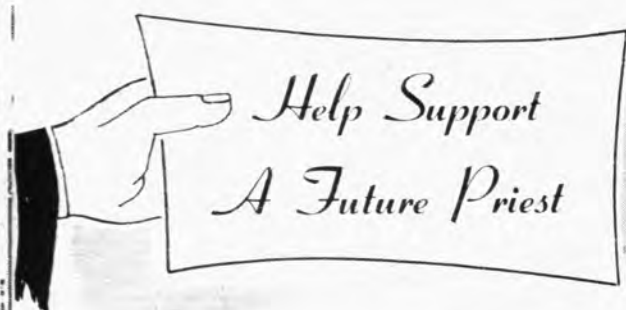
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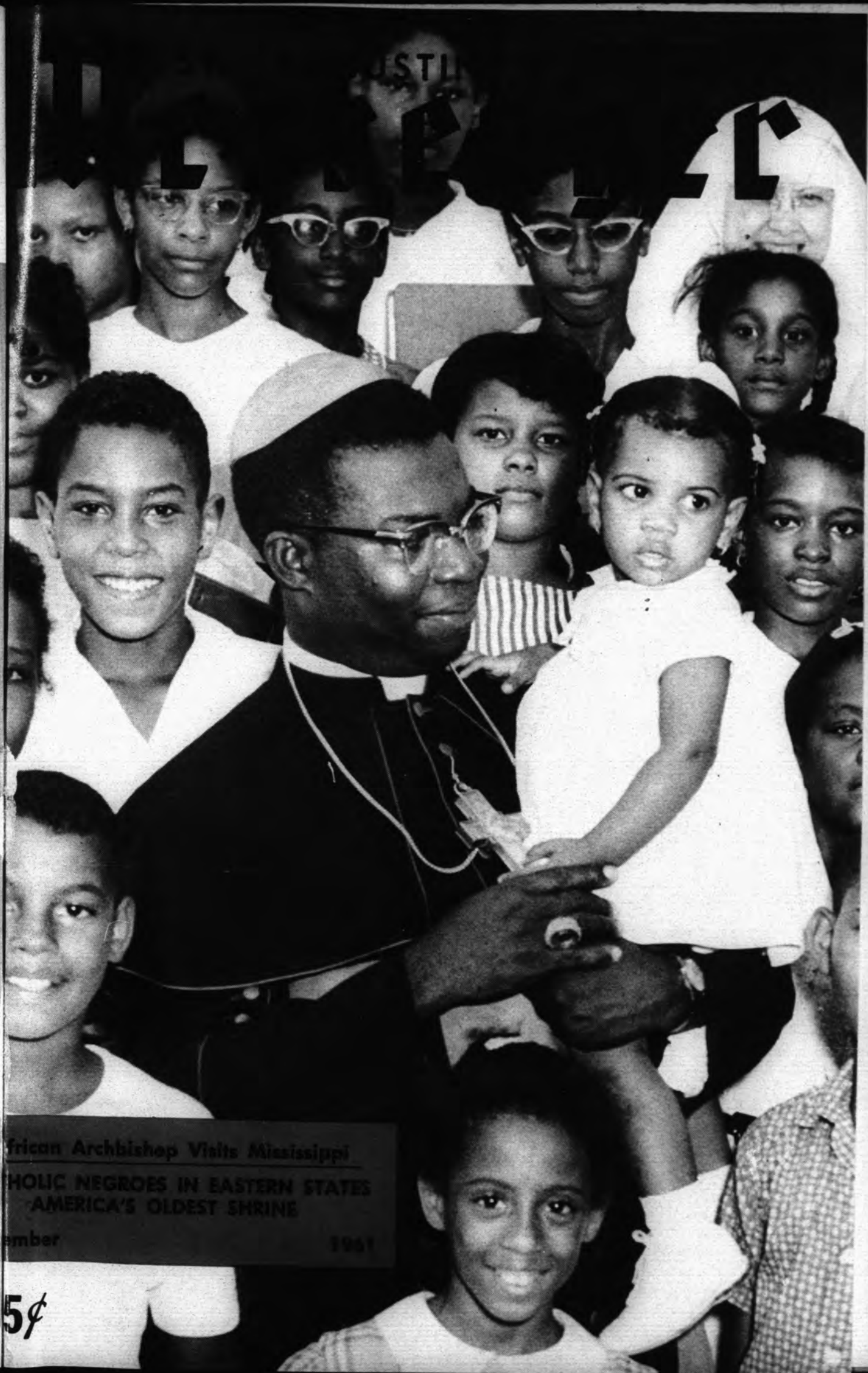
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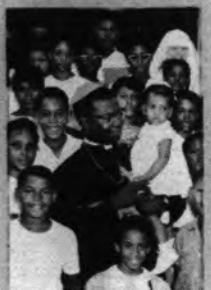
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Catholics among the 5,190,919 number 231,918 for a seemingly high total. Viewed in relation to the larger number, though, it is but a small 4.5% of the total. This means that, on the average, in the eastern states there is but one Catholic among every 22 Negroes.

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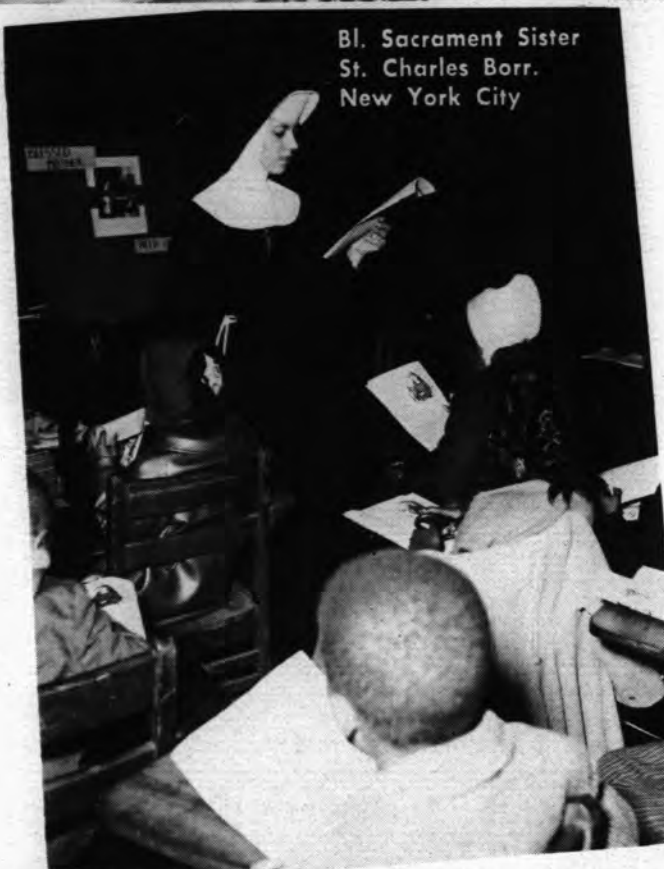
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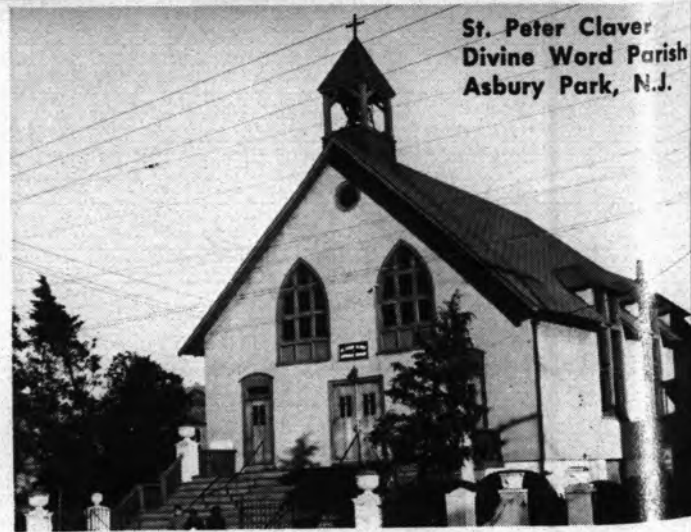


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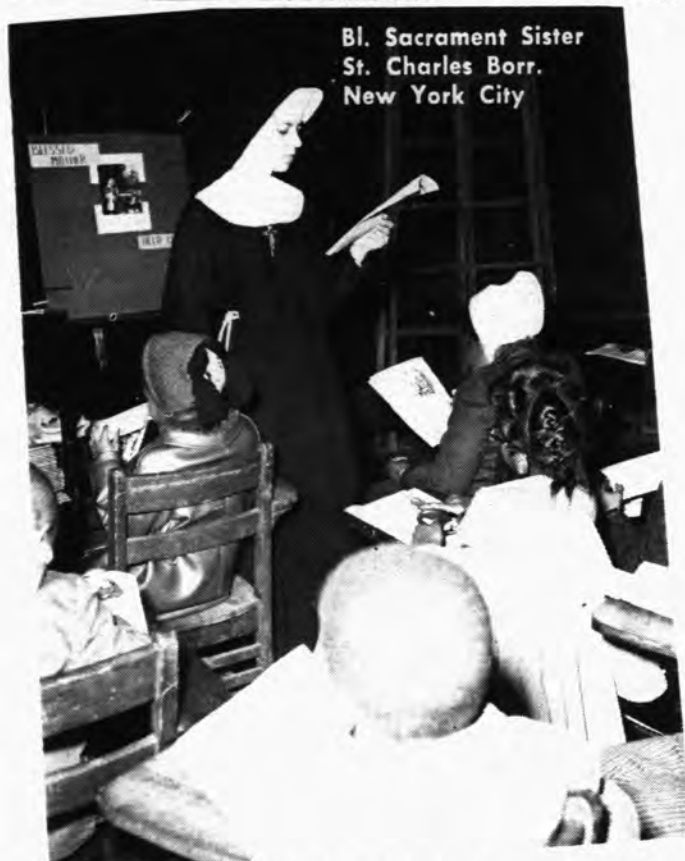
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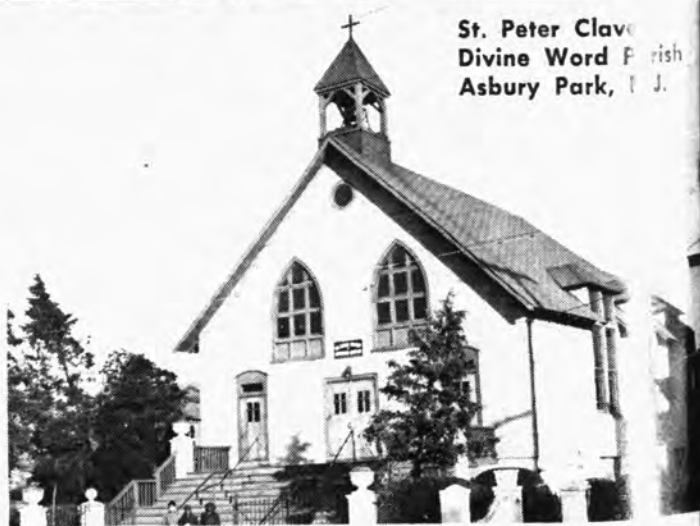
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Delaware					
Clayton	1. St. Joseph	1 Josephite	-----	-----	-----
Wilmington	2. St. Joseph	2 Josephites	-----	-----	-----
	3. Our Mother of Mercy (Belvedere)	1 Josephite	-----	-----	-----
District of Columbia	4. St. Augustine-St. Paul	3 diocesan priests	482	-----	9 Oblates of Providence
	5. St. Benedict, Moor	2 Josephites	-----	-----	-----
	6. St. Cyprian	3 Josephites	345	-----	8 Oblates of Providence
	7. Holy Redeemer	3 Josephites	252	-----	5 Bl. Sacrament Sisters; three lay teachers
	8. Incarnation	2 Josephites	-----	-----	-----
	9. St. Luke	3 Josephites	-----	-----	-----
	10. O. L. of Per. Help	2 Josephites	384	-----	7 School Srs. Notre Dame; one
	11. St. Vincent de Paul	1 Josephite	-----	-----	-----
Kentucky					
Bardstown	12. St. Monica	2 diocesan priests	135	-----	3 Srs. of Charity of Nazareth; one
Covington	13. Our Savior	1 diocesan priest (non resident)	50	-----	2 Divine Providence Srs.
Lebanon	14. St. Monica	1 diocesan priest (non resident)	-----	-----	-----
Lexington	15. St. Peter Claver	1 diocesan priest	75	-----	3 Divine Providence Srs.
Louisville	16. Imm. Heart of Mary (Southwick)	2 Sons of Sacred Heart	274	-----	4 Dominicans (St. Catharine, Ky.); two
	17. St. Augustine	2 diocesan priests	226	-----	4 Sisters of Charity of Nazareth; two
	18. St. Peter Claver	1 Franciscan	125	-----	4 Ursulines
Owensboro	19. Blessed Sacrament	1 diocesan priest (non resident)	41	7	2 Sisters of Charity of Nazareth
Paducah	20. Rosary	1 diocesan priest	120	16	4 Ursulines; one
Maryland					
Annapolis	21. St. Augustine	1 Redemptorist (non resident)	-----	-----	-----
Baltimore	22. St. Francis Xavier	3 Josephites	422	-----	9 Oblates of Providence
	23. St. Peter Claver	4 Josephites	365	-----	7 Ill Order Franciscans; one
	24. St. Pius V	4 Josephites	386	-----	9 Oblates of Providence
	25. St. Veronica	1 Josephite	-----	-----	-----
Benedict	26. St. Francis de Sales	1 diocesan priest	-----	-----	-----
Bryantown	27. St. Mary	2 diocesan priests	427	89	13 School Sisters of Notre Dame
Bushwood	28. Sacred Heart	1 Jesuit (non resident)	-----	-----	-----
Chaptico	29. O. L. of the Wayside	1 Jesuit	-----	-----	-----
Collington	30. St. Matthew	1 Josephite (resides Mitchelville)	-----	-----	-----
Crain Highway	31. O. L. of Angels	1 Josephite (same above)	-----	-----	-----
Dundalk	32. Christ the King	1 Josephite	-----	-----	-----

PLACE THE NEGRO MISSIONS IN YOUR WILL

Dear Reader: We, Divine Word Missionaries, publishers of *St. Augustine's Catholic Messenger*, and veterans in the Negro Missions of the South, address this request to you: Will you remember our work in the Negro Missions when you make your last Will and Testament? Any amount you bequeath to us for this work, we assure you, will be put to most worthy use. God will bless your interest in His cause. It was He who advised "Lay up to yourselves treasures in heaven . . ." (Matt. VI, 20).

Gratefully,
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Mechanicsville	36. Imm. Conception	1 Jesuit (non resident)	-----	-----	-----
Mitchelville	37. Holy Family	1 Josephite	-----	-----	-----
Morganza	38. St. Joseph	1 Jesuit (non resident)	475	-----	9 Srs. Charity of Naza- reth; two
Newport Ridge	39. St. Mary 40. St. Peter Claver	1 diocesan priest 2 Jesuits	289	85	10 Srs. of Providence; one
St. Mary's City	41. St. James	1 Jesuit (non resident)	-----	-----	-----
Massachusetts Boston	42. St. Richard	2 Josephites	-----	-----	7 Bl. Sacament Sisters (catechetics)
New Jersey Asbury Park	43. St. Peter Claver	2 Divine Word Missionaries	-----	-----	3 Oblates of Providence (catechetics)
Atlantic City Camden	44. St. Monica 45. St. Bartholomew	2 diocesan priests 2 diocesan priests	218	-----	4 Bl. Sacament Sisters; one
Jersey City	46. Christ the King	3 diocesan priests	-----	-----	6 Trinitarian Sisters (catechetics)
Montclair	47. St. Peter Claver	1 diocesan priest (non resident)	-----	-----	-----
Newark	48. Queen of Angels	3 diocesan priests	-----	-----	1 Trinitarian Sister (catechetics)
Orange	49. Holy Spirit	3 diocesan priests	-----	-----	4 Trinitarian Sisters (catechetics)
Trenton	50. O. L. of Div. Shep.	1 Divine Word Missionary	172	-----	6 Oblates of Providence
New York Albany	51. St. Philip, Apostle	1 diocesan priest (non resident)	86	-----	4 Holy Ghost Sisters (San Antonio, Tex.)
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These 5 in Harlem show total Negro attendance; 33 others on Manhattan, 26 in the Bronx, and 34 in 21 other cities and towns of the archdio- cese have partial Negro attendance	55. St. Charles Borrom.	3 diocesan priests	325	-----	6 Bl. Sacament Sisters; two
	56. St. Mark, Evangel.	4 Holy Ghost Fathers	400	-----	7 Bl. Sacament Sisters; two
	57. Resurrection	4 diocesan priests	469	-----	9 Franciscans (Baltimore) one
	58. St. Thomas, Apostle	3 diocesan priests	615	43	7 Christian Bros.; 7 Bl. Sacament Srs.; four
Pennsylvania Erie	59. Imm. Conception	1 diocesan priest (non resident)	-----	-----	-----

FORM OF BEQUEST IN WILL

I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to Society of the Divine Word, Southern Province, Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, the sum of ----- dollars for the uses and purposes of said Province, the same to be its, absolutely and in fee simple. It is my wish that I be remembered in all Masses which may be read for benefactors of said Province.

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NOVEMBER THOUGHT

For the life of thy faithful, O Lord is only changed, not destroyed: and when the home of this earthly life is dissolved, an everlasting dwelling in Heaven shall be gained.

—Preface, Mass for the Dead

SPIRITUAL READING

by REV. E. J. EDWARDS, S.V.D.

Autumn is a sombre season. With the death of the year, the Liturgy directs our thoughts to the dead. Leaf, grass, flower wither away and fall, reminding us of those who were once with us but are with us no longer.

The life of the Church is similar to the life of God—a trinity in unity. The Church is three yet one. Three cells, as it were, forming one body. The saints in heaven, the wayfarers on earth, the suffering in purgatory are intimately united, are one body. This fact is vividly recalled, each autumn of the year, by the feast of All Saints and that of All Souls.

The other world is much nearer to this world than we realize. Those who were so near to us in the past are still near to us in the present. Their need of us, and our need of them, has not ended. They have left this earth, but they still live. For them "life has changed, not taken away." And so our memory and affection for them should never be allowed to dim or to die.

The souls in Purgatory are in a state of grace, their salvation assured, the resurrection of their bodies to eternal life is a certainty. What a happy certitude for them! But for us this happy certitude may have an unhappy result—it may lessen our concern for them. It may lead us to forget another certitude: their need for help, and their utter helplessness. Their eventual bliss may obscure their present plight. We may lose sight of the fact that they are suffering and that it is in our power to ease and even end these sufferings.

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NOVEMBER THOUGHT

For the life of thy faithful, O Lord is only changed, not destroyed: and when the home of this earthly life is dissolved, an everlasting dwelling in Heaven shall be gained.

—Preface, Mass for the Dead

The Poor Souls

by REV. E. J. EDWARDS, S.V.D.

Autumn is a sombre season. With the death of the year, the Liturgy directs our thoughts to the dead. Leaf, grass, flower wither away and fall, reminding us of those who were once with us but are with us no longer.

The life of the Church is similar to the life of God—a trinity in unity. The Church is three yet one. Three cells, as it were, forming one body. The saints in heaven, the wayfarers on earth, the suffering in purgatory are intimately united, are one body. This fact is vividly recalled, each autumn of the year, by the feast of All Saints and that of All Souls.

The other world is much nearer to this world than we realize. Those who were so near to us in the past are still near to us in the present. Their need of us, and our need of them, has not ended. They have left this earth, but they still live. For them "life has changed, not taken away." And so our memory and affection for them should never be allowed to dim or to die.

The souls in Purgatory are in a state of grace, their salvation assured, the resurrection of their bodies to eternal life is a certainty. What a happy certitude for them! But for us this happy certitude may have an unhappy result—it may lessen our concern for them. It may lead us to forget another certitude: their need for help, and their utter helplessness. Their eventual bliss may obscure their present plight. We may lose sight of the fact that they are suffering and that it is in our power to ease and even end these sufferings.

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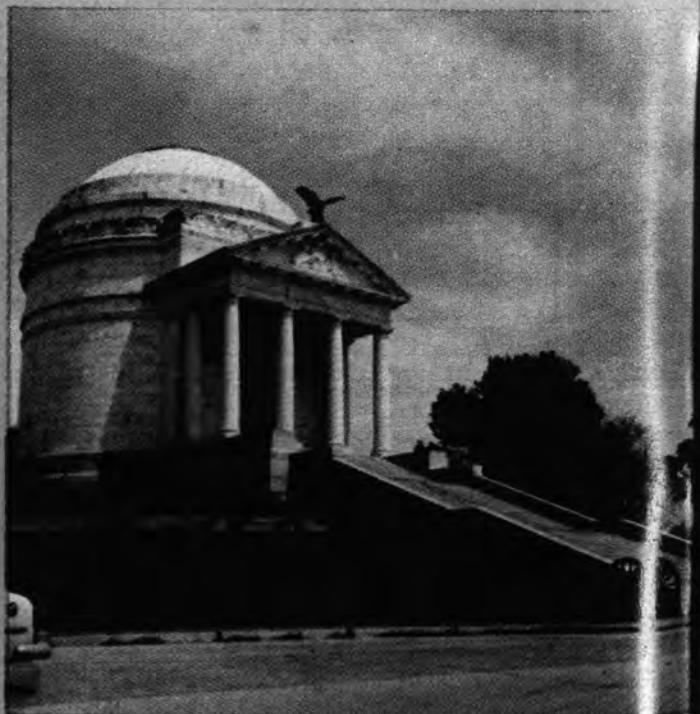


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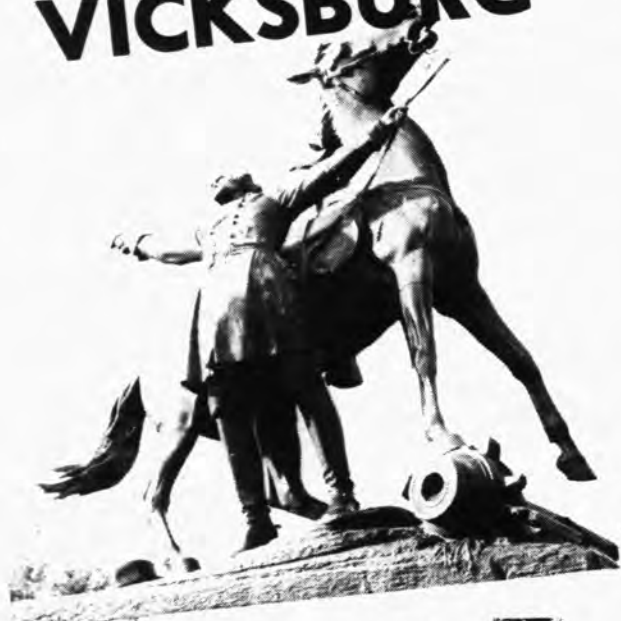


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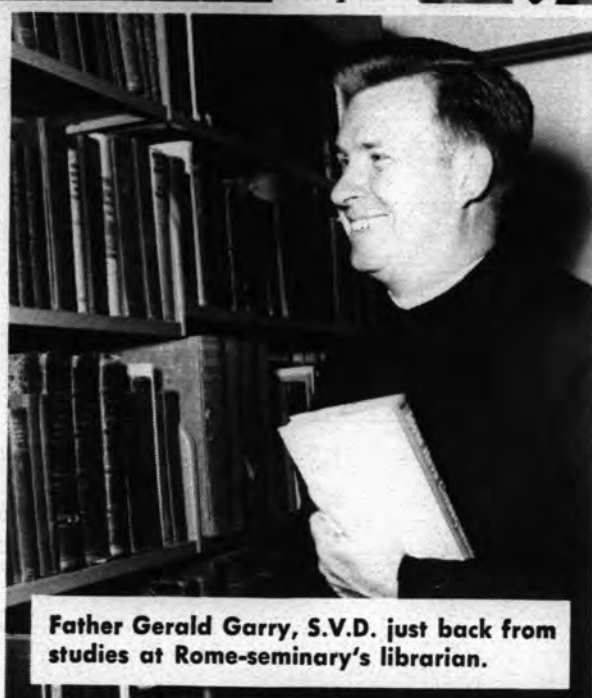
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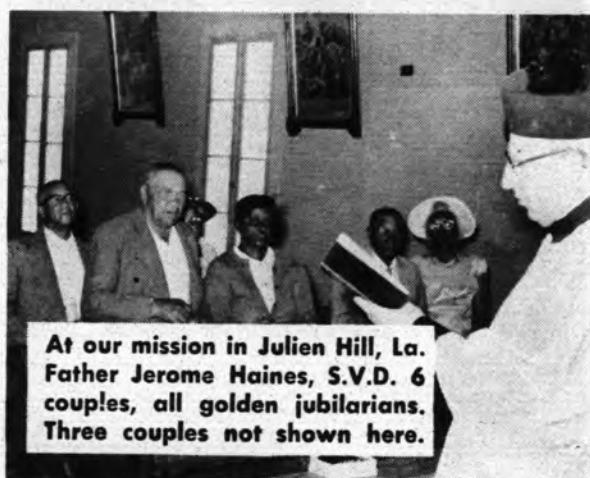
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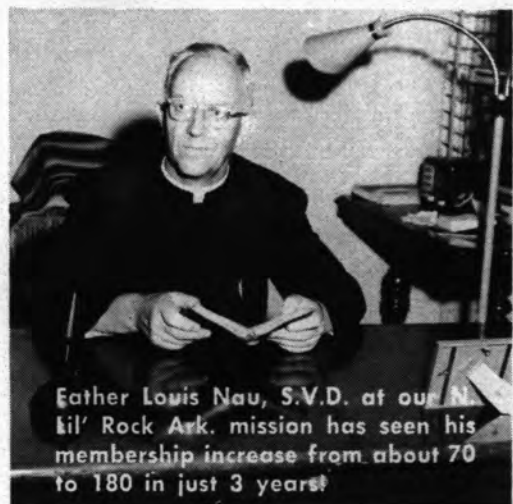


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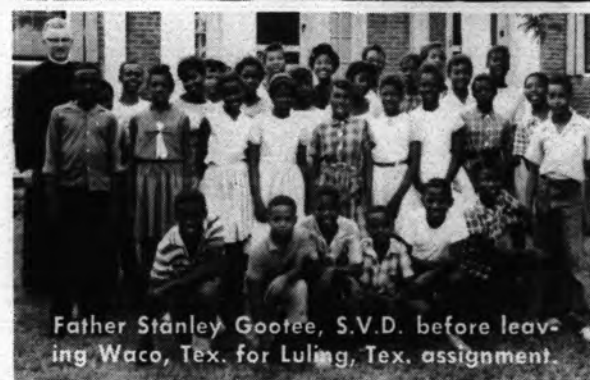
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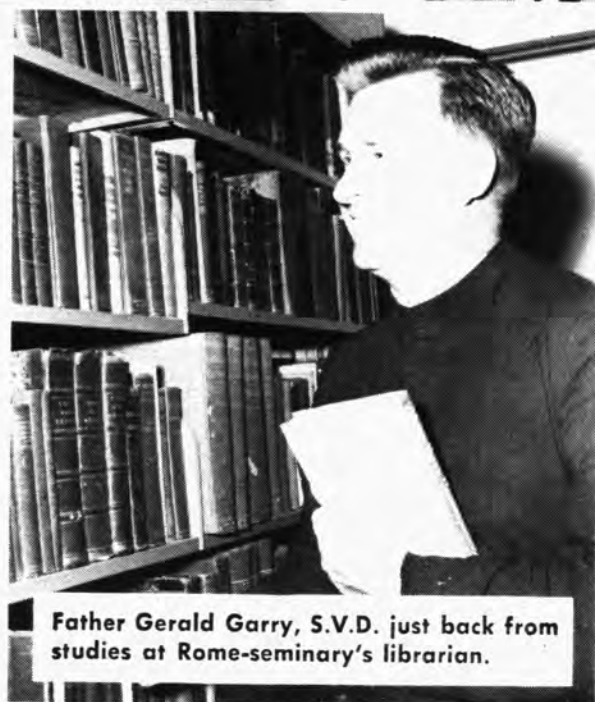
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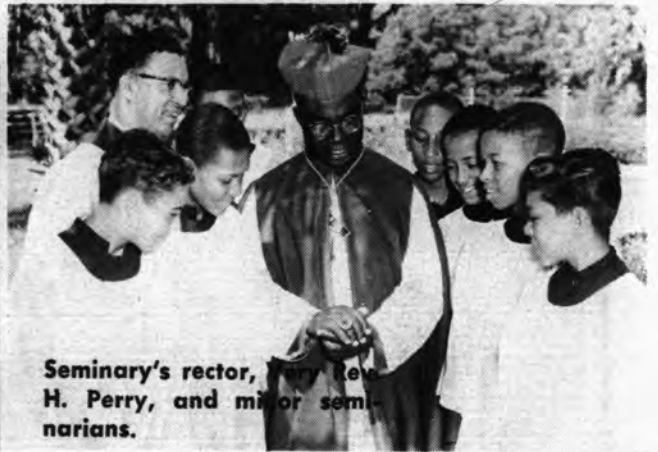
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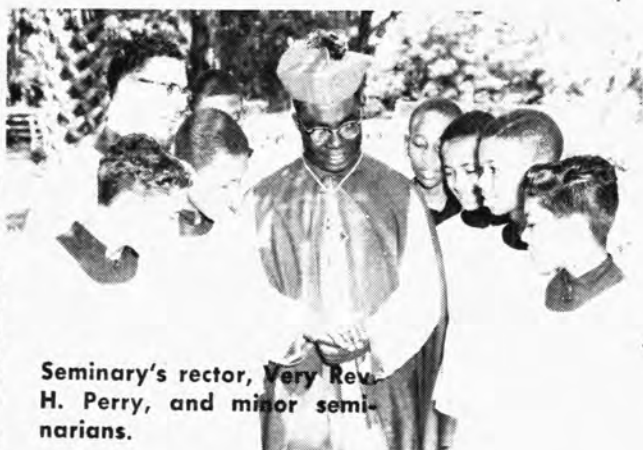
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Boys' and Girls' CORNER

Conducted by A. CORNE



Hello, boys and girls!

November is notable for two things, and I hope you remember both of them. The first is, that, this is the month of the Holy Souls, those faithful departed who are in Purgatory. This whole month is dedicated to helping them, to bringing them relief in their sufferings, to liberating them from their prison of pain and to admitting them to the delights of Heaven.

So you are encouraged during this month to remember the souls of those near and dear to you, members of your own family who have passed on to the other life. Help them constantly by your prayers. Then pray in general for the Souls in Purgatory and you will assure yourself of being remembered when you need it most.

The second thing about November is that Thanksgiving Day comes in its last week. This is the day on which we are going to thank the good God for all the nice things He has given us this year. Not only that, but don't you think we should give a great big THANK YOU to Papa and Mama for everything they do for us? And a THANK YOU to all other people who are kind to us because their kindness comes from God.

A. CORNE'S MAIL BAG

GENEVIEVE BROUSSARD (New Iberia, La.) "I've been reading the Boys' and Girls' Corner for quite a while, and I would like to know what kind of stamps that the boys send you? I would like to help also by sending some stamps . . . Please, let me know. I've included the missions in my prayers every day. God bless you."

Genevieve, any cancelled stamps that you find on ordinary letters, air mail, special delivery, etc. The missions

can use them all. Thanks a lot. A. Corne.

DONALD RUMPLER (Lorrain, Ohio) "This is the first time I read the Boys' and Girls' Corner. I am going to pray for you and the missions. I am 10 years old. I started school three weeks ago . . . I want you to send me a medal of Saint Gerard, please, if you can. I am sending some tax stamps."

Dear Donald, thanks for the tax stamps, but we will be satisfied with ordinary cancelled stamps that you find on letters.

DONNA TORSTRICK (Georgetown, Ind.) "I go to a public school. This year year I will be in junior high. I enjoy reading the MESSENGER very much. My hobbies are collecting rocks and selling Christmas cards. I have been collecting stamps for the missions since Christmas. I now have 100 cancelled stamps for the missions. They will do some good . . . GOD BLESS YOU AND THE MISSIONS."

Donna, you can send those stamps anytime you are ready. In the meantime, I will be looking for a picture of the Sacred Heart, and St. Madonna, and St. Elizabeth of Hungary for you. **BETTY ABBOTT** (Oreland, Pa.) "I am sorry I haven't written. Thanks again for the Beautiful Rosaries. Could you please, send me a Pen-pal in a foreign country if you have one."

I'm looking for one for you, Betty. Don't forget to use that rosary often for the missions. A. Corne.

DEANNA SCOTT (Bonanza, Oregon) "Thank you for giving me a pen-pal. Now I have nine of them. Two are in Ill., two in Indiana, and two in Canada, one in Ohio, New York, and Pennsylvania. We have moved to a farm in Bonanza. We have a vegetable garden also. We have gotten radishes, beets and beans. The corn is almost ready . . . When you put my picture in the October Corner that was the month of my birthday."

Deanna, there is nothing like good fresh vegetables, especially corn. A. Corne. (Give my regards to all your little brothers and sisters.)

JO ANN ROBINSON (Mechanicsville, Iowa) "If you have a picture of St. Anne or St. Therese would you send them to me. I go to a public school. If there were a Catholic School there I would go to it."

I would like you to get me a pen-pal my age. Girl. God bless you. Age 9."

Dear Jo Ann, I am glad to see that you recognize the value of a Catholic education. Some day you may be able to help other children to receive one.

AGAPITA VIGIL (Ranchos de Taos, N. Mex.) "Received your letter. Was so glad to hear from you. School already started. I am in the seventh grade. I hope I pass. I wonder if you wouldn't mind sending me a scapular. I would appreciate it. May God bless you.

I hope you received your scapular by this time, Agapita. I was a little slow but finally managed to get it off. Many thanks for the donation.

DOLORES VALDEZ (La Jara, Colo.) "Today when I came home from school the MESSENGER was here and I want to thank you for putting my letter in the Boys' and Girls' Corner. In my last letter I asked you for a holy card of St. Monica but you didn't have any of her. Could you send a picture of St. John the Baptist, St. Agnes, St. Jerome and St. Theresa. If you have them . . . I sometimes forget to say my prayers, but could you help me to remember to say them and whenever I can remember I pray for the missions. Enclosed is 10¢ for the missions. Love."

Dolores, you bet I'll pray that you remember your prayers if you are going to pray for the missions each time. I'll look around for those different pictures.

BRIDGET HAND (Yorktown Heights, N.Y.) "I am nine years old. I am in fourth grade and I go to ballet and Brownies. I once had a pen pal in school but he doesn't want to be a pen pal. And I want a pen pal that won't stop after a while. I read the magazine and enjoy it . . . P.S.—By the way what do you use the stamps for."

We use the stamps, Bridget, to bring a little mission money to our mission clubs. They are sorted, packaged and sold to stamp dealers and collectors.

YOUNG ARTISTS' CONTEST

This is the final month of our drawing contest. This time there are only four winners, two in the older group and two in the younger. And here they are:



MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN

by
Nancy Brennan
11
Watervliet, N. Y.

And here's a fine pencil shading drawing for you to enjoy.

COWBOY'S BEST FRIEND

by
Terri Jo Wilson,
12
Chicago, Ill.



And the last one, a line drawing of a girl's best friend.—

RITA
by
Monica Kaminski, 13
Berkley, Mich.

That finishes our Your Artists' Contest for this year 1961. For the new year, we will introduce something else interesting and inspiring for our young readers to share in.

PEN PALS HURRAH

Here are three more names to add to the list of available Pen-pals. If you wish to get in contact with one of them, send me a 4¢ stamp. They are: Catherine Cullen 9, of Pomona, Calif., Linda Bernard of Newmarket, N.H., and Theresa Zimmer 10½, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Until next issue, don't forget to pray daily for the missions. May God bless and keep all of you. Your good friend,

A. CORNE

St. Augustine's Seminary
Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi

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KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER

* *The full text*

* *Statement endorsed consonant with policies of Divine Word Missionaries*

WE THE KNIGHTS of Peter Claver, a national interracial Catholic fraternal order and its Ladies' Auxiliary, assembled in the Nation's Capitol and meeting as well in the shadow of the National Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, speak out against the evils of racial segregation, prejudice, bigotry and all Un-American conduct related to these evils which have so long and deeply concerned our members, our nation, and which now are the acute concern of all humanity in a much troubled world.

We speak out of pride in our membership in the Roman Catholic Church and to our more than 42,104,900 fellow American Catholics; pride in our citizenship in the United States, and pride in the history and purpose of our fraternal society. Though we are saddened to say this, we are never-the-less morally bound to speak out to aid in correcting the evils which beset our Nation and all minorities within its confines.

AS CITIZENS

We are concerned with the protection of the civil and human rights of all Americans and the preservation of the dignity of the individual. We aim to strengthen the leadership of our great country and to support that leadership in correcting racial abuses in keeping with the revolutionary and political philosophy of our Constitution and laws.

We pledge ourselves to the support of that leadership and the image it will create in the Council of nations because we recognize a great need for faster progress in correcting racial discrimination still entrenched in the official practices of certain State and Municipal governments which tend to degrade our Government before the world and tend to aid, abet and give sustenance to the Communist Government and its satellites throughout its realm.

We commend and congratulate the leadership of the President of our great country, which through the Department of Justice has demonstrated by official affirmative action, a firm determination to preserve, protect and defend, the rights of Negroes. We call for a more vigorous leadership by the Executive Branch of the government in this area and in all other areas required to spell out and ultimately gain for all Americans a full and free democracy as we assume our Founding Fathers intended it to be.

We support the tested instruments of democratic progress and reform by negotiation, peaceful assembly, petition, the ballot, the mobilization of public opinion by lawful means and finally the exercise of all legal recourse in our courts of law.

We invite all Americans and urge all religious faiths and in particular our fellow Catholics to recognize the waste of manpower by the indifference demonstrated in denying equal job opportunities. We call upon capital and industry and Trade Unionism to more fully explore and exploit the vast resources of the full potential that exists in the Negro American.

We subscribe fully to the principle of equal housing without regard to race, religion, or previous condition of servitude. We believe that the highest development of our youth for all succeeding generations hinges directly upon a full implementation of the Supreme Court decision declaring separate educational facilities as contrary to law. Only through a fully in-

STATEMENT ON INTERRACIAL JUSTICE

egrated system of public education can we guarantee to our youth the highest development of their future as leaders. We believe that the full implementation of the education facilities of our nation should materially be aided by some form of financial assistance from the Federal Government, within the framework of the Constitution to all educational institutions, public and parochial.

We believe that the right to vote is inherent in our system of government. That this right is guaranteed and protected by the Constitution and it is the duty and obligation of the Executive and Legislative branches of the government to insure this right to all citizens without regard to race. The Knights of Peter Claver pledges itself through its membership to fully exercise this right and to urge all Americans to become registered as voters particularly in those southern areas where they have so long been denied the right of the ballot and to vote in all elections on the County, State, and Municipal level. As Catholics and members of the True Church of Christ, faithful to Her doctrines, but mindful of our serious obligation to exercise fraternal correction, we call upon our fellow white Catholics to resist and combat every facet of racial discrimination by priest or laity within the church. We believe that as a matter of doctrine racial segregation and racial prejudice are sinful; that the practice of such within the church is a heresy which denies the basic unity of mankind, and is contrary to the doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ. We feel most keenly about certain abuses and segregation as practiced within our Catholic institutions, societies, and organizations. We believe that such practices are totally contrary to the official pronouncement of our Catholic Bishops as enunciated in their unanimous declaration of November 14, 1958.

We speak out against those seeking to divide us from the total human membership in the Church of Christ. We decry essentially separate racial parishes, societies and separatism on a racial or nation basis and pledge our efforts in correcting this condition.

We support the Freedom Riders because they singly and dramatically express the deep feeling of resentment all true Americans express against racists and bigots.

We cannot in good conscience acquiesce to the maintenance of the status quo in race relations in the civic society or in our Church. We are able to turn the other cheek, but do not believe that Christ intended we should stand dumbly and mutely by when there is a need of our effort to strengthen the vitality of our Church and our society. We are deeply sincere when we say we speak not only because we are sensitive to racial-segregation in our society, but because we sorrow for our country and our church; and we have a genuine concern for the consciences and souls of our coreligionists who ignore the doctrine of the Church.

In the effort to solve the many trying racial problems which are before our Church and before our Country, we pledge our energies and our full and undivided strength of our patriotic leadership.

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THE MODERN CHALLENGE OF THE MISSIONS

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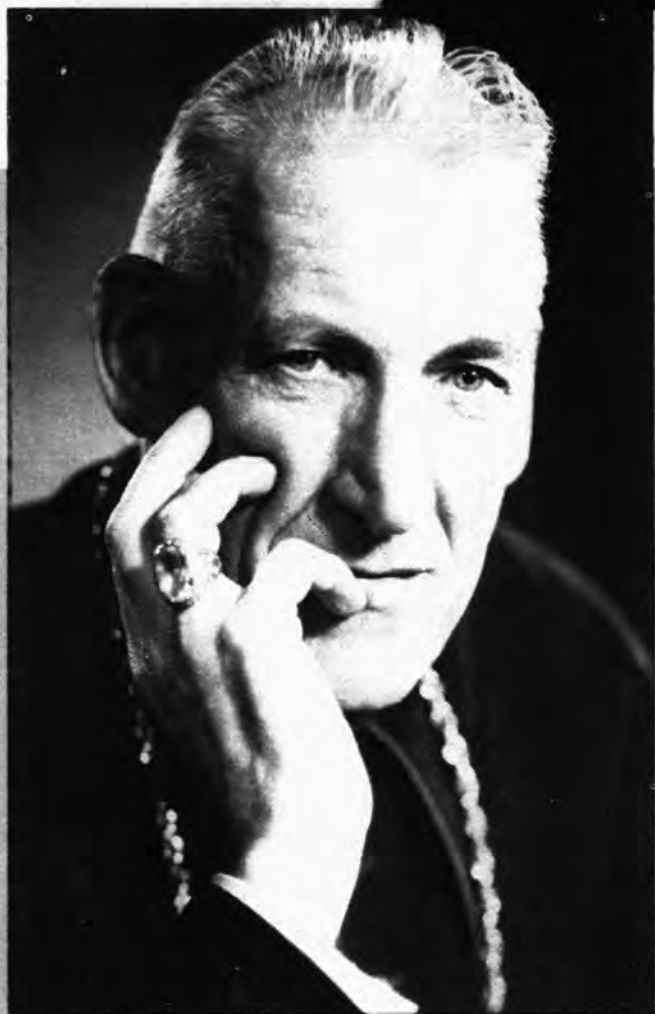
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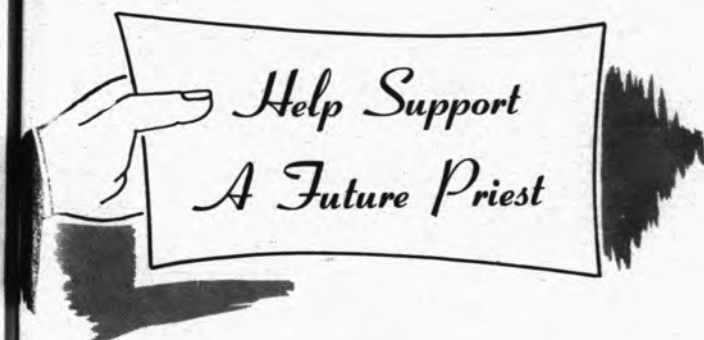
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judges. Announcement of the 25 finalists will be made by Father O'Dea on March 19, 1962. The five winners, one from each area, will be announced on May 1, 1962. A Remington standard typewriter will be awarded each of the other twenty finalists.

The Board of Judges for the finals will be made up of three members who have already accepted Father O'Dea's invitation to serve. They are the Very Reverend Brother Augustine Philip, F.S.C., President of Manhattan College, New York, Chairman; the Honorable Harold Stevens, Associate Justice of the New York Supreme Court, and Mrs. Roger L. Putnam, Springfield, Mass., President of the Catholic Scholarship Fund for Negroes.

The Josephite Community, sponsoring the essay contest, although today strictly American, had its beginnings in Mill Hill, England, in 1886. The founder was Father Herbert Vaughan, afterwards Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster. Because of the nature of the work and with the mutual consent of Cardinal Vaughan and Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore, the Mill Hill Fathers in America were encouraged to establish the new society in Baltimore in 1893. The official title is St. Joseph's Society of the Sacred Heart, more commonly known as the Josephite Fathers or the Josephite Missionaries.

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Your donation, of whatever size, is added to a Scholarship (Burse). The Scholarship pays for the training and support of a missionary. We have opened Scholarships in honor of the saints pictured here. Give in honor of your favorite saint or devotion. If such is not pictured here, your donation will be applied privately to that which is your favorite. — Divine Word Missionaries.

Give in Honor of a Favorite Saint



Bl. Martin



Bl. Mother



St. Therese



St. Joseph

Dear Father: I wish to offer my prayers and support for the training of worthy young men for the missionary career.

Please accept my donation of \$ _____

in honor of _____
my favorite saint (devotion) for a Scholarship in your seminary at: (check) Arlington, Calif.; Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi.
My name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

(Mail to: Father Provincial, Divine Word Missionaries, Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi.)

MASS INTENTIONS

Gratefully Received

Repeatedly we receive questions about Mass stipends. We are very grateful for your Mass stipends. They are distributed promptly among our missionaries both at home and abroad. As the individual missionaries must fit your requests into their local schedules and conditions, it is not easily possible, regrettably, to arrange for definite dates on which the Masses will be said or sung.

CUSTOMARY OFFERINGS FOR HOLY MASSES
(Vary according to your Diocese regulations)

LOW MASS—one or two dollars. (Offering of two dollars sustains the missionary for a day and may even allow something extra for his mission.)

HIGH MASS—five dollars.

TRIDUUM OF MASSES—five dollars. NOVENA OF MASSES—fifteen dollars. GREGORIAN MASSES (requested customarily for but a single departed soul)—fifty dollars.

... cut on this line ...

Dear Father: I am sending the following Mass requests to you I understand that dates for these cannot easily be arranged.

Kind of Mass? _____

How many? _____

For what intention? _____

Offering? _____

Send Mass intentions (with your name and address) to:

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The essays are to be between 800 and 1000 words. The contest within the schools is to begin on November 2nd and end at midnight, December 7th. Each school will have the privilege of selecting one representative essay to be sent to the "reading college" designated for each of the five geographical areas. The reading colleges will select from the submitted essays, those five which are most proximate to the judging standards.

The five essays from each area will then be submitted to the board of

judges. Announcement of the 25 finalists will be made by Father O'Dea on March 19, 1962. The five winners, one from each area, will be announced on May 1, 1962. A Remington standard typewriter will be awarded each of the other twenty finalists.

The Board of Judges for the finals will be made up of three members who have already accepted Father O'Dea's invitation to serve. They are the Very Reverend Brother Augustine Philip, F.S.C., President of Manhattan College, New York, Chairman; the Honorable Harold Stevens, Associate Justice of the New York Supreme Court, and Mrs. Roger L. Putnam, Springfield, Mass., President of the Catholic Scholarship Fund for Negroes.

The Josephite Community, sponsoring the essay contest, although today strictly American, had its beginnings in Mill Hill, England, in 1886. The founder was Father Herbert Vaughan, afterwards Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster. Because of the nature of the work and with the mutual consent of Cardinal Vaughan and Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore, the Mill Hill Fathers in America were encouraged to establish the new society in Baltimore in 1893. The official title is St. Joseph's Society of the Sacred Heart, more commonly known as the Josephite Fathers or the Josephite Missionaries.

Today, the Josephites are engaged in missionary work among the Negroes in 12 states and the District of Columbia. They have a total of 137 parishes and missions and care for approximately one-fourth of the Catholic Negro population in the United States.



Your donation, of whatever size, is added to a Scholarship (Burse). The Scholarship pays for the training and support of a missionary. We have opened Scholarships in honor of the saints pictured here. Give in honor of your favorite saint or devotion. If such is not pictured here, your donation will be applied privately to that which is your favorite. — Divine Word Missionaries.

Give in Honor of a Favorite Saint



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Bl. Mother



St. Therese



St. Joseph

Dear Father: I wish to offer my prayers and support for the training of worthy young men for the missionary career.

Please accept my donation of \$ _____

in honor of _____
my favorite saint (devotion) for a Scholarship in your seminary at: (check) Arlington, Calif.; Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi.

My name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

(Mail to: Father Provincial, Divine Word Missionaries, Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi.)

MASS INTENTIONS

Gratefully Received

Repeatedly we receive questions about Mass stipends. We are very grateful for your Mass stipends. They are distributed promptly among our missionaries both at home and abroad. As the individual missionaries must fit your requests into their local schedules and conditions, it is not easily possible, regretfully, to arrange for definite dates on which the Masses will be said or sung.

CUSTOMARY OFFERINGS FOR HOLY MASSES
(Vary according to your Diocese regulations)

LOW MASS—one or two dollars. (Offering of two dollars sustains the missionary for a day and may even allow something extra for his mission.)

HIGH MASS—five dollars.

TRIDUUM OF MASSES—five dollars. **NOVENA OF MASSES**—fifteen dollars. **GREGORIAN MASSES** (requested customarily for but a single departed soul)—fifty dollars.

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Dear Father: I am sending the following Mass requests to you I understand that dates for these cannot easily be arranged.

Kind of Mass? _____

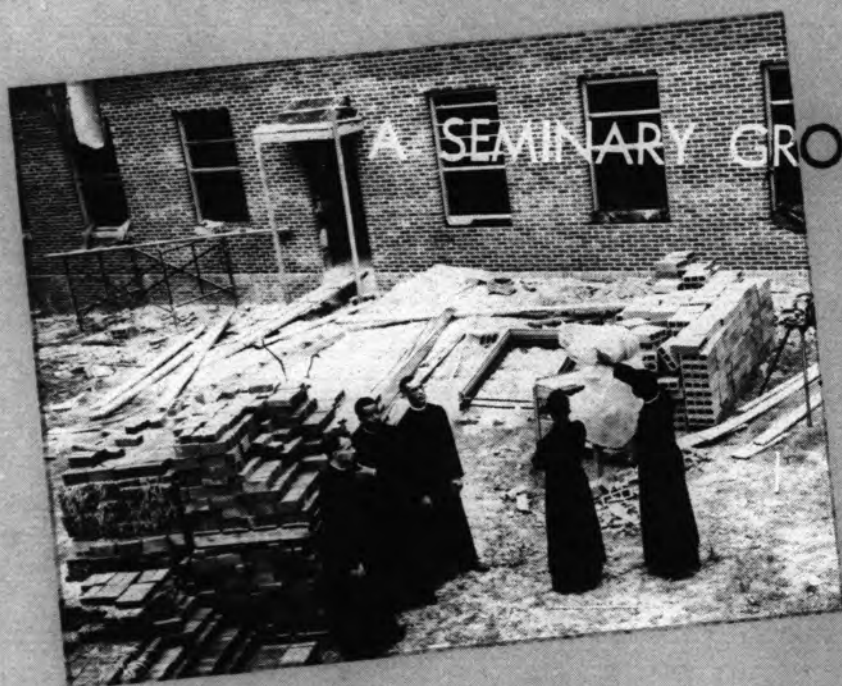
How many? _____

For what intention? _____

Offering? _____

Send Mass intentions (with your name and address) to:

**FATHER PROVINCIAL
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A SEMINARY GROWING UP

Divine Word Seminary
Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi

This fall we had to dare an extension to the theology building at our Bay Saint Louis seminary. The modest extension was constructed to fit into our long range plans for growth.

Can you help us meet the cost for the new structure? Whatever you send will help. We thank you for letting us put your donation to such a worthy use.

CUT ON LINE

Dear Father:

This is my donation of \$_____ to help meet the cost of the extension to the theology building at the Bay Saint Louis seminary. Please have the young theologians pray for my intentions.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

(Send to: Father Provincial, Divine Word Missionaries,
Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi)